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Beheader not criminally responsible

RULING A judge has ruled the man who committed one of the most horrific crimes in Canadian history will be sent to a mental health facility instead of prison.

The mother of 22-year-old beheading victim Tim McLean said it came as no surprise Vince Li was found not criminally responsible for the gruesome crime, but said he should still be held accountable.

Vince Li

"Whether he was in his right frame of mind or not, he still did the act. There was nobody else on that bus holding a knife, slicing up my child," Carol DeDelley said to reporters outside a Winnipeg courthouse.

Queen's Bench Justice John Scurfield ruled Li was clearly suffering a major mental illness when he decapitated and cannibalized his sleeping seatmate on a trip from Edmonton to Winnipeg on July 30.

DeDelley feels laws should be changed so criminals are found not psychologically accountable, but criminally responsible.

"Due to no fault of his own, a major illness took my son's life, but he was never sick," she said, adding that annual visits to ensure Li remains locked up will replace her son's birthday each year.

"We've already had our loss. It's to save everybody else. It's been put on us. We sure as hell didn't volunteer for that job, but it is ours now."

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Premier Gordon Campbell gives the thumbs up Thursday after lighting the 2010 Olympic rings outside YVR in Richmond. The 14-metre-tall rings, built in B.C. and made up of 20,385 LED lights, will welcome visitors arriving at the airport.

City's HIV rate six times country's average: Study

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The HIV prevalence rate in Vancouver is six times the national average, according to leading HIV/AIDS researchers. That prevalence rate includes those living with AIDS.

The study released Thursday also estimated that one in four sex workers in Vancouver are infected with HIV.

However, Susan Davis, who has worked in the sex trade for the past 23 years and has proposed a legal brothel to welcome visitors during the 2010 Olympics, said the number is "absolutely untrue."

Davis said the number (26 per cent) reflects street-based survival sex workers, some of whom are also injection drug users.

Davis said people who are not working in a survival capacity are less likely to take extra money for unprotected sex.

"We are doing this by choice and are clearly in control of our decisions and aware of the fact that our bodies are our tools. Why would I risk poisoning my tools? You only get one."

The finding was included in a trio of studies published Thursday by researchers at the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS.

The overarching message of the research, said Dr. Julio Montaner, is that inadequate access to HIV/AIDS care burdens the health system and increases mortality. It also disproportionately affects the underprivileged.

Making a greater effort to engage those who are more difficult to reach is ethically right and a smart investment, Montaner said.

Prevalence

- One of the studies found that Vancouver had an HIV prevalence rate of 1.21 per cent, six times the Canadian average. San Francisco, another port city with a temperate climate, has a comparable rate.

Always, always be nice to the border guards

MANNERS A Coquitlam resident got pepper sprayed in the face for asking a United States border guard to say "please."

Desiderio Fortunato, 54, crosses the Pacific Highway border two to three times a week to visit his second home in Blaine, Wash.

Fortunato says that on Monday a guard asked him to turn off his car. He refused, insisting the guard say "please" first. The officer repeated his command and pepper sprayed Fortunato from less than a metre away when he wasn't obeyed.

Mike Milne, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman, said the officer's actions are justified. "… that's a lawful order and there's an expectation … the travelling public will abide by those commands," Milne said.

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Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday.

Riding the **Recession**

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Adams joins roster of Canadian rockers performing at Junos
Bryan Adams has been added to the list of performers at the Juno Awards in Vancouver at GM Place on March 29. The Vancouver-based singer joins Hawksley Workman, Great Big Sea and others. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Van goes Pete Tong

British house DJ Pete Tong will be performing at Fabric nightclub in Vancouver on March 24. The phrase "it's all gone Pete Tong" is Cockney slang meaning "it's all gone wrong," and was the title of a 2005 film about a fictitious Ibizan DJ who goes deaf. METRO VANCOUVER

'L' for luxury at TV show's auction

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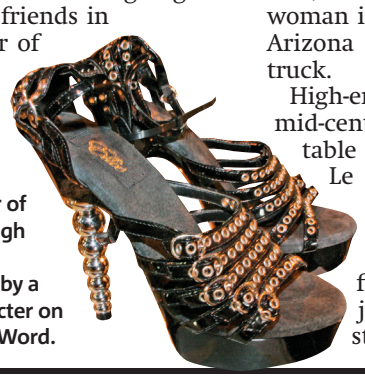
Fans of the L-Word could soon own a piece of television history.

On Saturday, nearly every prop used on the show, which filmed for six seasons in Vancouver, is being auctioned off at Coast Mountain Films' warehouse on Southeast Marine Drive.

By the weekend's end, someone could be sleeping in Jenny Schecter's bed, eating off a table from the Planet Café or going out with friends in a pair of Bette Porter's heels.



A pair of sky-high heels worn by a character on the L-Word.

The 9,144-square-metre warehouse is packed with furniture from the sets, 70 racks of designer clothing and piles of shoes, 30 boxes of sex toys, and a mint-condition 1974 Chevrolet Impala.

Rob Kavanagh, an auctioneer with Able Auctions, the company putting on the event, said it's a great opportunity for fans, bargain hunters and production companies.

"This is the biggest (auction) we've ever done and the nicest one, too," he said, adding that one woman is driving up from Arizona with a moving truck.

High-end items include a mid-century teak dining table and chairs and a Le Corbusier two-seater white leather sofa.

Other items up for grabs include jewelry, newsstands, artwork, appliances, kitchenware, editing equipment, and even replicas of baby Angelica, each of which is worth more than $1,500.

"There are no minimum bids," said Kavanagh. "There's going to be some really good deals."

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Rob Kavanagh, an auctioneer with Able Auctions, holds a pair of pumps from the L-Word wardrobe at Coast Mountain Films' warehouse in Vancouver Thursday.

Skater Browning goes to bat for abandoned dogs

PETS The economic meltdown has led to more Canadians giving up their dogs to animal shelters.

Those dogs have some celebrity help today to get back into loving homes. Figure skater Kurt Browning is in Vancouver to advocate for pet adoptions.

"I suppose what's happening right now is the economy is hard and some people are losing their jobs and they have to move in with mom and dad again and can't take their dogs," Browning said Thursday.

Browning

He added that since being asked to be a spokesperson for Pedigree Adoptions he's met his fair share of abused dogs, including one severely burned by a group of kids.

"The best part of the job is watching these dogs walk out of the shelter," he said. "The biggest reason to adopt from a shelter is that you're saving a life." TARYN MCELHERAN /METRO VANCOUVER

Women getting the tools to rebuild their lives — literally

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"When you graduate from this course, the rest of your life will be different."
Eva Boucher-Hartling, RONA

Sixteen unemployed women are getting 30 weeks of carpentry training at the RONA Vancouver 2010 Fabrication Shop.

Participants attend employment workshops, see personal life-skills coaches, receive equipment and get paid industry wages, according to RONA.

"I've been trying to get into carpentry for a while, but it's hard for a woman to get into construction," said participant Diana Hart, 26. "I think it's great what they're doing here for us."

Eva Boucher-Hartling, director of external communications for RONA, said the program can change lives. "When you graduate from this course, the rest of your life will be different," she said.

"The learning has been beyond all expectations," said participant Savannah, 21, who didn't want her full name used. Savannah said she's from a drug- and alcohol-riddled community and moved to Vancouver in 2006 to find a better life. "With these teachers on our side, I'm confident that we will enter the industry with the skills that we need," she said.

Homelessness on the rise in B.C.: Doyle

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B.C. needs a comprehensive plan to deal with homelessness, the province's auditor general said in a report Thursday.

John Doyle said homelessness in B.C. is increasing despite the province's adoption of many "best practice" strategies.

He said efforts to combat homelessness are hampered by a lack of goals and accountability.

Effective decision-making is hindered by deficient information about homeless people and the services available to them.

"The continuing increase in the number of homeless counted suggests a lack of success in managing homelessness, let alone reducing it," wrote Doyle.

The province's announcement Tuesday of an integrated homeless intervention project and the goal of eliminating homelessness are good first steps, Doyle said.

Housing Minister Rich Coleman, who was tapped to head the project to coordinate provincial and community social housing and support services, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Postponing a divorce over economic woes will raise stress: Expert

FINANCE Some couples are waiting longer to divorce because of the poor economy, according to a specialist who says that may not be a good idea.

Karen Stewart is a certified divorce financial analyst and founder of Fairway Divorce Solutions. She offers the following tips:

Q What are the pros and cons of waiting to divorce?

A Money is always an issue. The pro for delaying it is not having to split assets in a downmarket. The con is that as people stay in relationships that in their own minds have ended. I find that stress and anger escalate. It's better to nip it in the bud and be prudent.

Q How can you have a small and successful divorce in hard economic times?

A Step one is to be really prudent and careful of who you employ to help you move through your divorce. Step two is to avoid making decisions around the divorce that are going to destroy the long-term well-being of your assets.

Q What should couples ask themselves before hiring a lawyer?

A Decide whether or not it's worth hiring one to begin with. It is prudent to have independent legal advice but I don't advocate getting that immediately. Whomever you hire, ask how much it's going to cost, what are the guarantees around the outcome, etc.

Q What is the best way to divorce?

A Avoid liquidating if at all possible. Look for creative ways to divide all assets, so for example if a couple is looking to split their RRSPs in half, then do it in away that maintains the portfolio intact. And also do it in a way that separates and divides the risk associated with the portfolio. TARYN MCELHERAN /METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

WILDLIFE Fowl is now fair as Vancouver city council voted on Friday to allow people to keep hens in their backyards.

STABBING A 13-year-old boy accused of slashing a 23-year-old man on the SkyTrain last month is set to appear in court March 12 to set a trial date, ck-nw.com reports. The boy has been in trouble with the law 75 times over the past year.

BOATING B.C. Ferries' newest ship, the Northern Expedition, will be sailing through Vancouver Friday on its way from Germany to Victoria.

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Understandably jumpy

A backfiring car prompted Langley residents Thursday to call police with reports of more gunplay. RCMP taped off the parking lot of a Wal-Mart before figuring out it was a false alarm. Officers said it's understandable that people are jumpy given the rash of recent gang shootings. **METRO VANCOUVER**

News in brief

SUSPECT A thief who cried during a robbery is being sought by police after three banks were held up in one day. Surrey RCMP say that on Jan. 27, tellers at three banks received notes from a man demanding money while claiming to be armed. At the last bank the man began to cry. He escaped with a small sum of money in an older model grey Toyota. Police say surveillance cameras suggest the same person committed all three robberies. The suspect is described as five-foot-three, dirty, wearing khaki pants, a distinctive yellow and green hat, and a grey jacket.

FRAUD Jonathan Bacon, the oldest of three brothers allegedly linked to the Red Scorpion Gang, appeared in Port Coquitlam provincial court Thursday after being arrested on fraud charges. Bacon, 27, and another alleged gang associate, Dennis Karbovanec, 28, were arrested Wednesday in Abbotsford and Port Moody respectively and released on bail. Police said the arrests are not connected to gang activity.

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Cops talk gang reality

Program seeks to deter students from lifestyle

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Vancouver police Det. Doug Spencer says the work he does — giving presentations to Lower Mainland students about the realities of gang life — won't be quantified for years to come.

But he says if gang violence is down a decade from now, he'll have done his job.

"I saw 80 funerals (when I was) in the gang squad," said Spencer, who was so troubled by the "needless death" he started the Truth About Gangs program, which he gives with partners Elvis Bellia and Adam Dhaliwal.

"(Students) see pictures of dead bodies," Spencer said. "We point out that they are kids just like (our audience) who made the wrong decisions … We don't want to sugar-coat it."

Spencer said gang members are like pimps. They recruit kids by giving them money, friendship and status before starting them on petty crimes.

"Most kids know it's wrong but just think about the initial gain."

He said kids with low self-esteem or who have trouble fitting in are more susceptible to recruitment, adding that the sudden feeling of acceptance is difficult to resist.

"Some kids get involved because their parents are not monitoring them," he added.

Spencer said while the long-term success of the program can't be measured, there are daily indications of its short-term success. Some students have told him they were heading toward a dangerous lifestyle until they saw the presentation.

"That's what it's about," he said.

Watchful parents

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- Spend quality time with your kids and be involved in their activities.
- Get to know your kids' friends and their families.
- Encourage your children to participate in adult-supervised extracurricular activities.

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Vancouver police officers chat on Anzio Street in East Vancouver Thursday following an early morning shooting in the residential neighbourhood.

Man recovering after being shot while asleep

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A 28-year-old Vancouver man was recovering in hospital Thursday after he was shot while sleeping in his East Vancouver home.

Vancouver Const. Jana McGuinness said it was too early to say whether the shooting was connected to any other recent gunfire, but did say that it appeared to be a targeted attack.

The shooting occurred at 2 a.m. at a white-and-grey house in the 3300 block of Anzio Drive, a residential neighbourhood near 22nd and Rupert streets. The back of the house abuts a schoolyard.

Police investigators remained at the scene yesterday morning and Anzio Street was blocked off by police cruisers and yellow tape.

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Tags off at EI offices

Laid-off workers getting upset over payment waits

Riding the **Recession**

JESSICA SMITH
for Metro Canada

Some government workers at Employment Insurance offices have taken off their name tags as scores of recently laid-off Canadians are upset over being told their initial EI payments are backlogged.

Jeanette Meunier-MacKay, president of The Canada Employment Immigration Union (CEIU), said her members are informally reporting that at least half of EI claims are taking longer than Service Canada's standard 28 days to be processed.

Claims rise

- EI claims in December were up 16.6 per cent across Canada over the same month in 2007, according to Statistics Canada.

However, the only region the union has statistics for is Atlantic Canada. By the end of February, out of Atlantic Canada's 30,000 outstanding claims, 8,000 were 29-days-old or older, and about 2,000 of those were 41-days-old or older, according to Jeannie Baldwin, regional vice-president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, an umbrella union that encompasses the CEIU.

The government has "made significant efforts and investments" to deal with the increased number of EI claims, according to an email sent by media relations on behalf of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

"For instance, we have hired additional staff, redistributed workloads across the country and recalled recently retired processing agents. We have also increased overtime, staff at EI call centres on Saturdays and the automation of claims processing," the email said.

Some people who are waiting for payments are "pretty stressed out and desperate" and cry to civil servants handling their claims, said Meunier-MacKay.

Jordan **Victim of violence**

ALI JAREKJI/REUTERS

A woman who was abused by her husband covers her face, so as not to be identified by her family, at the Sisterhood Is Global Institute office in Amman Thursday, ahead of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The institute is a non-profit organization that aims to further the cause of women's rights worldwide.

Widow looks back on fallen soldier

MOURNING Mishelle Brown isn't prepared to start talking about her husband in the past tense.

"I love him," she said in an interview Thursday in the small brick bungalow they shared in a quiet residential neighbourhood in St. Catharines, Ont. "He doesn't have to be there for me to love him.

"He's dead. There's no ifs, ands or buts about that. But he's not dead in my heart."

The body of her husband, Warrant Officer Dennis Brown, will be flown Friday to the Canadian Forces base in Trenton, Ont.

He was killed Tuesday in a roadside explosion near Kandahar City, along with Cpl. Kenneth O'Quinn, originally of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Nfld., and Cpl. Dany Fortin of Bagotville, Que.

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Mishelle Brown, widow of slain soldier Dennis Brown, gives an interview at her home in St. Catharines, Ont. The warrant officer's body will be flown back to Canada Friday.

Democrats cast Limbaugh as new face of Republicans

The White House has seen the enemy, and his name is Rush Limbaugh.

U.S. President Barack Obama's team is helping lead an effort to cast Limbaugh, a polarizing, conservative radio show host, as the Republican Party's new face, using campaign-style attacks against a high-profile target.

Democrats are taking advantage of a power void within the Republicans now that George W. Bush has passed from the scene.

The goal is to convince Americans that the party is a shell of its former self and in the grip of its most narrow, right wing, in hopes of making independents and moderates think twice about switching allegiance.

Limbaugh

And Limbaugh, whose daily show has the largest radio talk show audience in the U.S., is loving it. He is revelling in the chance to generate a wider audience, demanding Obama debate him after saying he hoped Obama fails. "They need a demon to distract and divert from what their agenda is," he declared.

Democrats say Limbaugh, one of the more inflammatory U.S. political commentators, had it coming to him.

The White House calculated that Americans would see Limbaugh's attack as out of step with those voters who propelled Obama into office in November's election.

REUTERS

No link between death, outbreak

LISTERIOSIS Health officials in Quebec now say they cannot confirm that the listeriosis death of a man in January was linked to the 2008 outbreak tied to tainted meat from Maple Leaf Foods.

Earlier Thursday, the Montérégie public health agency had told the CBC, that the 75-year-old Quebec man's death was the 21st in Canada tied to the listeriosis outbreak.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bank of Canada calls for more fiscal action from Tories

STIMULUS The Bank of Canada stressed on Thursday the urgency of fiscal action to stimulate spending and ease credit as a string of bad economic news batters consumer and business confidence.

Pierre Duguay, deputy governor at the central bank, clung to the bank's prediction of a sharp recovery leading to 3.8 per cent growth in 2010 — a forecast many private sector economists see as too rosy.

In testimony to a parliamentary finance committee, Duguay said he saw little risk that stimulus plans posed a threat to inflation or would lead to perpetual budget deficits.

More bad economic data is due in coming months, he said, making it more crucial that the Conservative government's $40 billion recovery plan is rolled out quickly. REUTERS

Russia, NATO resume trade

RUSSIA NATO agreed on Thursday to resume formal ties with Russia, suspended after Moscow's war with Georgia, in the hope of winning Russian backing for its struggle to stabilize Afghanistan.

"We can and must find ways to work constructively with Russia where we share areas of common interest, including helping the people of Afghanistan," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said.

Russia immediately welcomed the move, which was agreed at a meeting of NATO foreign ministers.

"This decision is positive," said its ambassador to NATO, Dmitry Rogozin, calling it "promising in terms of stability and security in Afghanistan." But he regretted that ties would only formally resume after an April summit. REUTERS

Supply lines

- Russia had said it would allow transit of non-lethal U.S. supplies for Afghanistan. With its supply lines under pressure from militant attacks, NATO hopes that such help could be extended to air transit, air lift and routes for lethal aid.

News in brief

TRADE U.S. President Barack Obama should not change any of NAFTA's agricultural provisions, even though he has promised to renegotiate the pact, a Republican senator said Thursday. Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa said he was concerned that Mexico would seek to rebalance tariff concessions in a way that would harm agricultural exports from Iowa.

TAIWAN A four-year-old boy won the use of an uninhabited tropical island in a Taiwan lottery aimed at boosting spending during an economic downturn. Yeh Chien-wei will get exclusive rights to the tiny plot in the Taiwan Strait from May through September. REUTERS

France nabs mom, son suspected of jewel thefts
French magistrates have placed under investigation a woman and her son suspected of stealing hundreds of thousands of euros worth of jewelry in robberies across Europe, a judicial source said yesterday. REUTERS

Drug war worries Mexican tourism industry

Despite warnings about drug gang violence, U.S. college students are starting their annual "spring break" party on Mexican beaches, bringing dollars that will help cushion the economic slump in Mexico.

With the battered peso making Mexico a cheap destination this year, the government is praying for a steady stream of visitors to its beach resorts and quaint colonial towns, despite the slumping global economy. Tourist visits to Mexico rose six per cent last year to 22.6 million.

Some in the industry worry, however, that a surge in drug cartel killings, which has sparked travel warnings from the U.S. and Canadian governments in recent days, could scare off foreigners just as Mexico needs their cash most.

Fear in the United States is growing over a drug war that killed more than 6,000 people in Mexico last year.

In Cancun — a hedonistic Caribbean strip of hotels and discos popular with U.S. college students on their spring hiatus — there are troops at the airport and military checkpoints along the coast road.

The vast majority of drug killings happen far away from beach resorts, although a former army general was brutally murdered just outside Cancun last month after he was appointed to form an elite crime-fighting police unit.

In the central colonial town of San Miguel de Allende, guest house manager Susan Cordelli said media coverage of the drug war could be a factor behind a sharp drop in bookings.

"They are radiating with the bad news, a vibe that's going through the United States and the rest of the world because my European clientele has definitely dropped off," she said.

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Award-winning U.S. author dies

FOOTE Horton Foote, whose plays and scripts about the longing and struggles of small-town life won him two Academy Awards, an Emmy and a Pulitzer Prize, has died at the age of 92.

Foote, whose best-known works included the Oscar-winning scripts for To Kill a Mockingbird and Tender Mercies, died on Wednesday in Hartford, Connecticut, after a brief illness, his daughter, actress Hallie Foote, told the New York Times.

Many of Foote's tales were set in the fictional town of Harrison, which was based on his hometown of Wharton, Texas, a farming community about 80 kilometres southwest of Houston.

Foote's works brimmed with influences and observations from Wharton and one admirer said the writer was to Texas what John Steinbeck was to California and Woody Allen is to New York.

"My brother never understood why I preferred to sit and listen to the stories of my great-aunts rather than play baseball," Foote once told Reuters.

"I can still hear those voices."

REUTERS

News in brief

STRIKE Unions and authorities signed a deal overnight to end a six-week general strike over wages and the price of staple goods that has paralyzed the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe. The deal met protesters' demands for an increase in the lowest monthly salaries and pegged back the price of dozens of staple items to reduce the cost of living on the island, which is higher than in mainland France. REUTERS

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Beware bad breeders

Marketplace

When Michelle Dean bought a Pomeranian puppy, she was expecting a happy, healthy dog. Instead, Dean ended up with more than $10,000 in vet bills. Her puppy had a parasitic infection, needed leg surgery and now, at just three years old, is slowly going blind.

The pet store promised Dean that her puppy was healthy and came from a reputable breeder. But as Dean found out, dog buyers should ask plenty of questions before purchasing a pet-store puppy.

Pet stores sometimes give customers assurances by showing them pedigree papers — a sort of family tree for dogs — that suggests the dog is free of genetic defects and has had proper medical checks. But that isn't always the case. Pedigree papers aren't the same as a detailed medical check. If a veterinarian had closely examined Dean's puppy, the leg problems might have been detected and Dean would have known about the problem before buying.

And just because a dog is purebred doesn't mean it comes from a first-rate breeder.

Dean got the impression from the pet store that her puppy was bred in a home or from a breeder that meets guidelines from the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. But the CVMA doesn't endorse breeders, and as Dean found out, her dog certainly didn't come from a warm and wholesome homestead.

On the web

Looking for the perfect puppy?

- For some tips to keep in mind when looking for your new best friend, check metronews.ca/mesley

Before being sold in a Canadian pet store, Dean's puppy came from one of the largest puppy brokers in the U.S. It's called the Hunte Corporation, a massive Missouri facility that buys and sells roughly 90,000 dogs per year from breeders across the U.S. The company gives the dogs shots, microchips them, and then trucks them out to pet stores across North America.

But the real question is, where was Dean's dog bred before arriving at the big puppy broker? It came from a puppy breeder in Missouri with USDA violations. The puppies were raised in a shed that looks like a chicken coop. And Dean learned this breeder knowingly sells puppies with back leg problems to some puppy brokers.

None of this is supposed to happen. Fifteen years ago, American and Canadian authorities had promised to crack down on bad breeding. Puppies coming into Canada are apparently checked at the border by veterinarians.

However, no one can tell us exactly how many American dogs come into Canada or end up in our pet stores.

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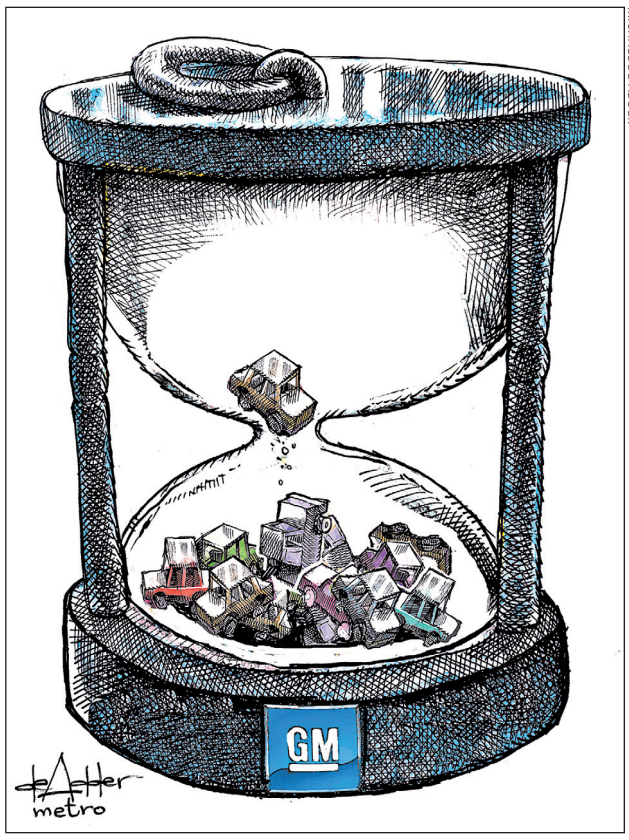

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Views

VAG exhibits impress even a philistine

UrbanCompass

Whew!

In my never-ending quest to come up with something to write about other than the Notorious Bacon Brothers, my bacon has been saved, so to speak, by outstanding news from the Vancouver Art Gallery.

The gallery announced this week it will host an exhibition of Dutch masterpieces from the Golden Age of Holland in the 17th century — works of art from some of the finest painters who ever lived.

The exhibit, called Vermeer, Rembrandt and the Golden Age of Dutch Art: Masterpieces from the Rijkmuseum, begins May 10 and runs until Sept. 13 and tickets are already on sale on the VAG website.

This is monumental news for anyone who loves great art, and should be on page 1 instead of the usual parade of bozos shooting each other for fun and profit, but I digress.

The gallery, and its director, Kathleen Bartels, should get a standing ovation for bringing this to Vancouver, as the collection is a wonder to behold.

I have to admit, the last time I visited the VAG was in the summer of 2007 to see Monet to Dali — Modern Masters from the Cleveland Art Museum, another wonderful exhibit, revealing that when it comes to art, I'm somewhere between 50 and 400 years out of date.

Art these days is on a scale that self-consciously awes or just as often alienates the viewer.

I bet I'm not unique. Art these days is on a scale that self-consciously awes or just as often alienates the viewer. After I spent hours poring over the marvelous paintings from Monet, Van Gogh, Picasso and Dali, I went upstairs to try to take in House of Oracles: A Huang Yong Ping Retrospective, the work of the ultra-modern Chinese post-Dadaist. It was fascinating, but also forbidding. Art today doesn't hang comfortably over the mantle in a frame; instead, it requires big-time floor space and most pieces are referred to in the industrial tense as "installations," unless they are performance art, in which the artist is the installation.

So I'm thankful that there is still a place for the beauty and grace of master works at the Vancouver Art Gallery — it's not all up to date and in your face.

Ms. Bartels continues to demonstrate great scope, and the Vancouver Art Gallery refuses to be marginalized or pigeonholed. And for this old philistine, that's the best news in town.

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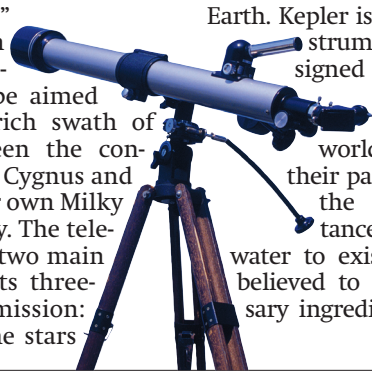
Worth mentioning

Is there anybody out there?

SPACE A NASA telescope was cleared to launch on Friday on a mission to look for Earth-like planets around other stars and determine whether there are places that could support human-like life beyond our solar system.

"This is a historical mission," NASA's space science chief Ed Weiler told reporters on Thursday. "It really attacks some basic human questions that have been asked since that first man or woman looked up in the sky and asked, 'Are we alone?'"



Once in orbit, Kepler will be aimed at a star-rich swath of sky between the constellations Cygnus and Lyra in our own Milky Way galaxy. The telescope has two main tasks on its three-year mission: Stare at the stars and stay still.

Light-collecting devices in the telescope are sensitive enough to detect slight changes in the number of photons emanating from more than 100,000 target stars in the telescope's field of view. Some of the changes will be due to planets passing in front of their parent stars and temporarily blocking a bit of light.

Scientists already have found more than 340 planets circling stars beyond our solar system, but none of those worlds are as small as Earth. Kepler is the first instrument designed solely to hunt Earth-sized worlds circling their parent stars at the proper distance for liquid water to exist. Water is believed to be a necessary ingredient for life.

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Coke pays '08 CEOs $4.5M bonuses

Coca-Cola Co. paid Neville Isdell and Muhtar Kent, who each served six months as chief executive last year, $4.5-million US bonuses that were purely discretionary, according to a regulatory filing. Executive bonuses for this year will be based on 2009 earnings per share and volume growth. **REUTERS**

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Credit, debit card probe approved

FINANCE A House of Commons committee agreed Thursday to launch a sweeping probe of the credit and debit card industries, which critics say will pressure Ottawa to regulate Canada's payments industry.

Liberal MP Anthony Rota convinced the standing committee on industry, science and technology to undertake a study of credit card interchange fees and the debit payment system. The committee plans to make recommendations that could serve as the basis for future legislation.

Rota said the catalyst for his motion was the Interac Association's desire to become a for-profit entity — an idea that critics say will lead to higher fees.

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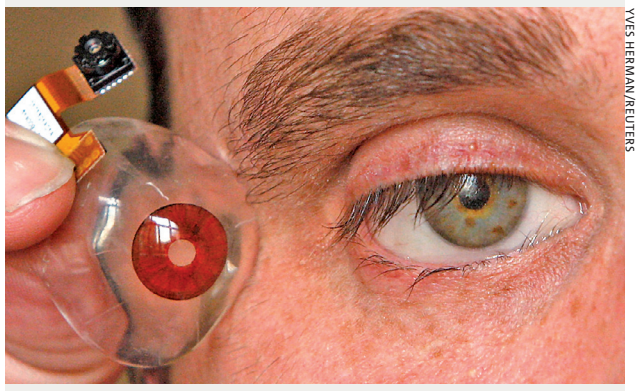
Belgium **Eye-camera unveiled**



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Canadian filmmaker Rob Spence, who lost his right eye when he was a child, shows a prototype of a prosthetic eye that will be transformed into a video camera in Brussels, Belgium, Thursday. By using his eye as a wireless video camera, Spence wants to make a documentary about how video and humanity intersect, especially with regards to surveillance.

GM viability in doubt

Cash burn, need for financing draw warning

General Motors Corp. yesterday said its auditors had raised "substantial doubt" about its ability to survive outside bankruptcy if it fails to stem its losses and stop burning cash.

The "going concern" warning from the struggling U.S. automaker had been expected, but underscored the stakes for GM as it seeks up to $30 billion US in government aid in the United States to restructure outside a bankruptcy process.

CAW talks

- The Canadian Auto Workers union said yesterday it will begin exploratory discussions with GM to find cost savings to help the company qualify for government loans.

GM's shares fell 17 per cent to $1.82 on the New York Stock Exchange as investors reacted to the news.

GM said its creditors had agreed to waive a requirement that could have allowed them to force the automaker to repay more than $6 billion in loans because of the warning in order to allow GM to press its case for government aid.

The automaker had warned late last month that it expected auditors Deloitte & Touche would question its viability after it reported a loss of nearly $31 billion for 2008.

REUTERS

Business in brief

HOUSING About one in eight U.S. homeowners with mortgages, a record share, ended the last year behind on their loan payments or in the foreclosure process as job losses intensified a housing crisis spawned by lax lending practices, the Mortgage Bankers Association said Thursday.

BANKRUPTCY Horse-racing and gaming company Magna Entertainment Corp. said yesterday it has filed for bankruptcy protection in the United States and has sought court recognition of that status in Canada. MEC said it would use a $62.5-million US, six-month secured debtor-in-possession financing facility from its controlling stakeholder, MI Developments Inc., to fund its operations while it reorganizes.

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Pierce re-signs with Leos
Quarterback Buck Pierce agreed to terms with the Lions on a contract extension Thursday. Terms of the deal were not released. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Surgery or no surgery?

Alex Rodriguez has a torn hip labrum and a cyst, but the New York Yankees are opting against surgery for the moment. Rodriguez's brother meanwhile told ESPN yesterday that he will undergo surgery, which would cause him to miss up to 10 weeks. Either way, A-Rod will not play for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic.

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Canada faces U.S. at WBC in Toronto

BASEBALL The strategy for Team Canada will be to compete hard in the game against the Americans, but Canada will likely save its newest ace, Vancouver's Scott Richmond, for an elimination game against either Venezuela or a second shot at the U.S.

Playing at the Rogers Centre in Toronto should be a big plus, especially for the underdog pitching staff that needs to step up with the performances of their lives. Unsung Canadians have done it before.

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Hoping for Dooms day

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Canada

Jason "Dooms" Day will have his hands full when fighting Kendall "Da Spyder" Grove at UFC 96 Saturday in Columbus.

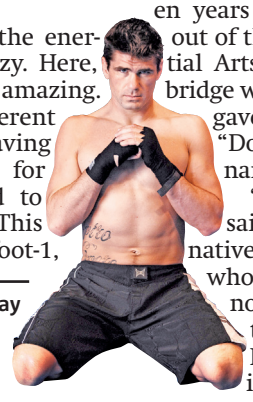
Flashy nicknames aside, Day predicted that his bout against Grove should be a quick one either way.

"It should be a good, hard fight," said Day, who moved to Calgary from Lethbridge, Alta., last September to prepare for the fight. "I see it ending in knockout or a submission. I'm a high pressure kind of fighter. I don't hold back."

Day, who has a professional record of 17-6, has been in two Ultimate Fighting Championship events so far, going 1-1. He scored a technical knockout in April of 2008 over Alan Belcher in front of 22,000 fans at the Bell Centre in Montreal.

"It's a rush. It's an adrenaline high," said Day, who lost by TKO in the first round to Michael Bisping two months later in London, England.

"Over there, the energy was still crazy. Here, the energy was amazing. It was a different feeling having 22,000 people for me as opposed to against me." This time, the 6-foot-1, 185-pound fighter will take on one of his toughest opponents yet. Grove, who won the third season of the reality show The Ultimate Fighter, weighs the same as Day but is five inches taller.



Canadian Jason Day fights Kendall Grove tomorrow.

"He's really scrappy," Day said. "He's a tough guy. He doesn't go down easy."

Day took up the sport seven years ago and trained out of the Canadian Martial Arts Centre in Lethbridge where an onlooker gave him his "Dooms" Day nickname.

"It grew on me," said the 29-year-old native of Fort MacLeod, who has since moved north to Calgary to train with Brian Bird, a black belt in Brazilian Ju-Jitsu. "He's sharpening up my ground skills."

Day also credited Calgary-based trainers Eric DeGuzman and Tanya Lee for preparing him for his upcoming fight.

"Calgary's solid," Day proclaimed. "I fell in love with the city. It has everything I need.

I surrounded myself with really good people there so I have good energy."

Day is finishing up his training in Hammond, Indiana with Miguel Torres.

"He's got a ton of great guys for me to train with so it's a good environment," said Day, who's tried to cut out any and all distractions.

"I don't have to deal with anything. I can just focus on my fight."

Big test

The Sharks provide a major measuring stick for a surging Canucks' squad that has won eleven of thirteen. San Jose owns the best winning percentage in the NHL and has won all three meetings with Vancouver this season. The Canucks are riding a six game win streak at home, while the Sharks have dropped six of eight on the road.

TENDER TENDER: All-star goalie Evgeni Nabokov has missed the Sharks' last four games, the past two with a lower-body injury.

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Artwork draws volunteers

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Great art mixes with great hearts at Timeraiser events across Canada, proving that the greatest thing you can give is yourself.

Since launching in 2002, Timeraiser has raised more than 41,000 volunteer work hours and $235,000 for volunteer organizations across Canada by holding events where would-be volunteers get to bid hours of their time instead of money to win great pieces of original art by local artists.

Anil Patel, executive director of Timeraiser, says that alongside the art auction, the events are a way to expose potential volunteers to as many organizations as possible, maximizing the chance that agencies and volunteers will find the perfect match.

"It's like speed dating for volunteers," Patel said.

Attendees range across all professions, from investment bankers to teachers. Timeraiser pays artists fair market value for their work ensuring they benefit just as much as the volunteers and organizations who show up.

"(Timeraiser is) like speed dating for volunteers."
Anil Patel

The winning bid for each work of art tends to average 100 hours or more. Statistics Canada estimates most regular volunteers donate 168 hours, showing that events like Timeraiser can bring out the best in people perhaps not used to volunteering.

"Often the people that come have not been asked to volunteer in some time — I think they probably have just not been asked the right way before," Patel said.

DARYL VOCAT

ADAM LODZINSKI

Art to be auctioned at Toronto's Timeraiser event include The Hardest Thing In the World Is To Live In It, by Daryl Vocat, above, and Cone Flower, by Adam Lodzinski.

The event will hit up the Roundhouse Community Centre on Sept. 24. Patel hopes each event will raise at least 6,500 volunteer hours and at least 25 agencies in each city are expected to attend.

Patel hopes events like Timeraiser can inspire people across Canada to leave a greater "civic footprint" by creating positive change in their own communities.

"I hope Timeraiser gets people together and allows people to think of civic engagement in a new way. We want to elevate the philanthropy bar to the next level," Patel said.

What is National Volunteer Week?

National Volunteer Week, which takes place April 19-25, is meant to spread awareness about volunteering as well as get more people to donate their time.

The event has a long history, originally starting just after the Second World War as a way of recognizing the efforts of female volunteers during the war. Since then, the annual campaign has branched out to recognize and celebrate the efforts of all of Canada's estimated 12 million volunteers.

This year, Volunteer Canada wants people to celebrate their passion for volunteering by sharing their volunteer experiences with the world. Members of the public can upload photos and videos showing how they volunteer at volunteer.ca/nvm.

Karen Franco, communications director for Volunteer Calgary, hopes National Volunteer Week reminds Canadians that volunteers are always welcome and needed.

"Just because an organization isn't asking for you at this moment, it doesn't mean they don't need you," Franco said.

— RAFAEL BRUSILOW

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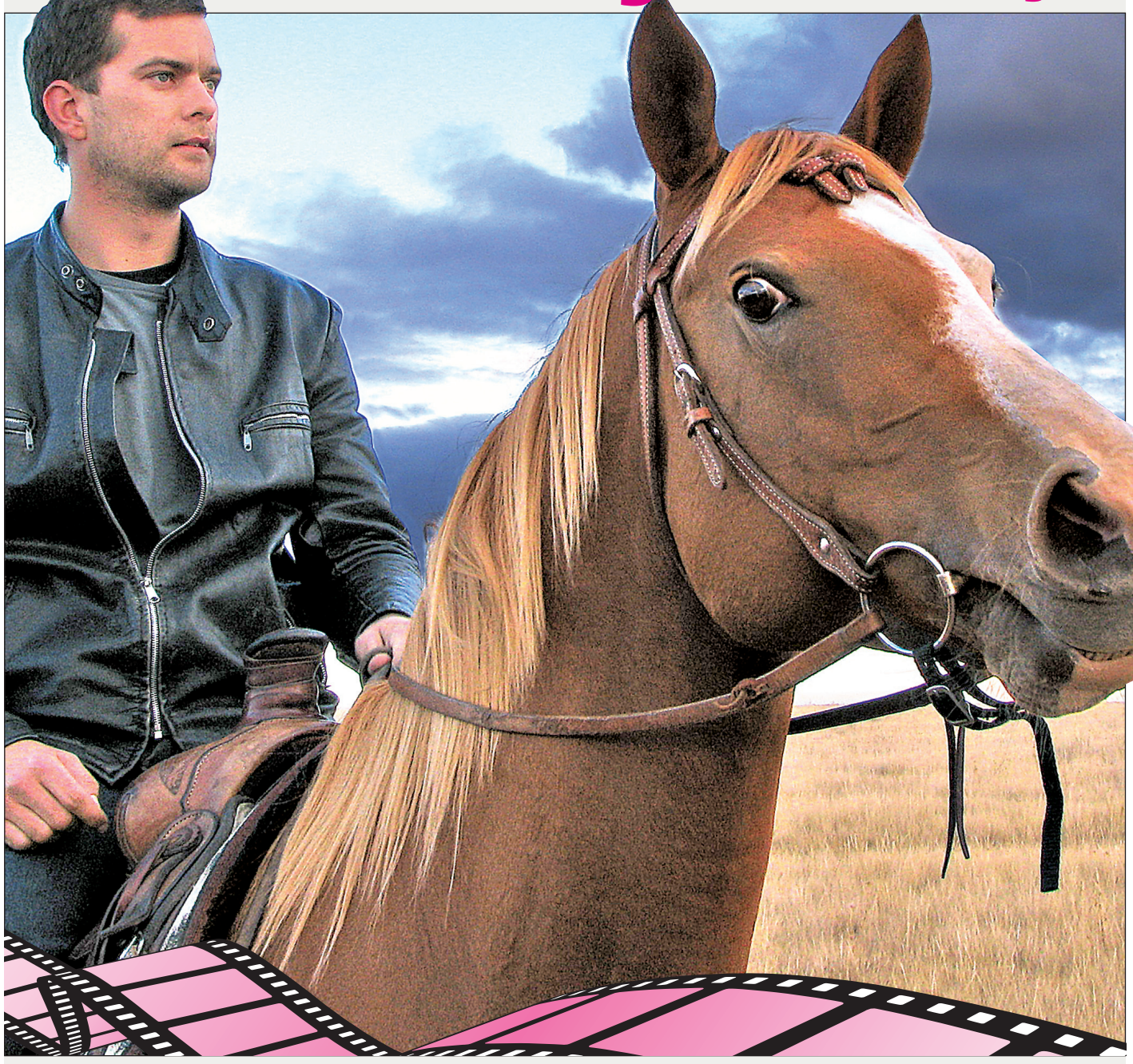

One Week is your typical road trip flick but the humble practicality of it all is patently Canadian and diverges joyously from other Hollywood productions of the genre. Joshua Jackson and the film's cinematographic scope are both wonders to be seen.

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Watchmen big, ballsy and sometimes overwhelming.

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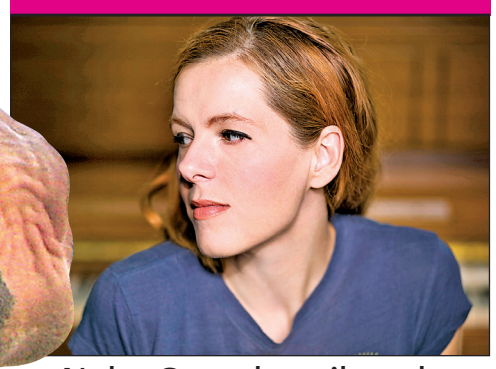

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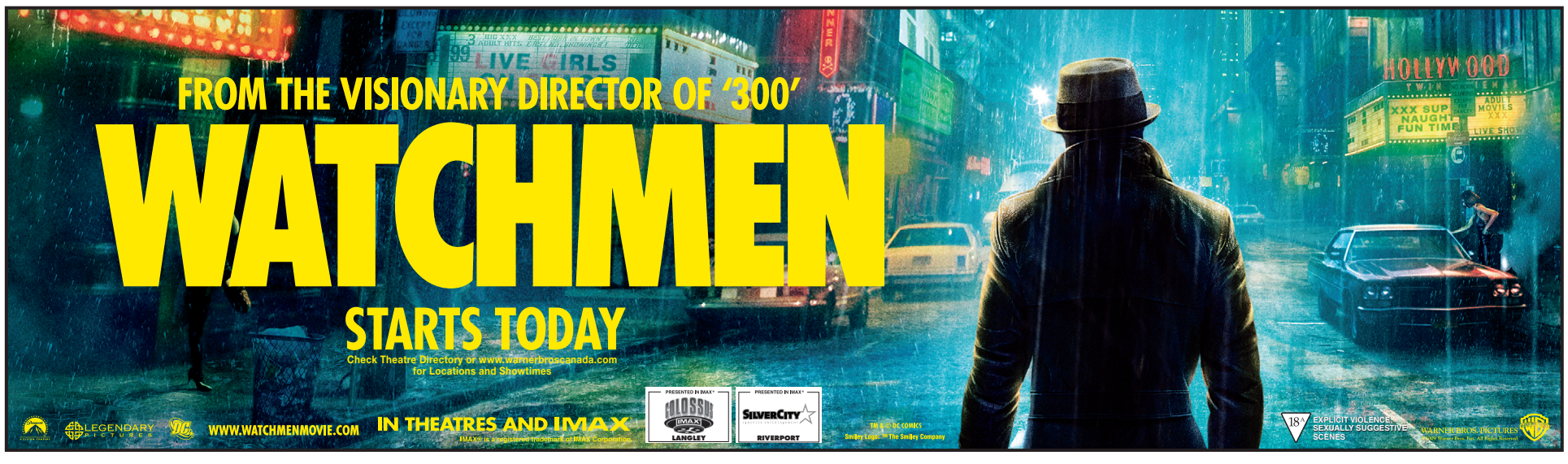

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Liane Balaban and Joshua Jackson star in the Canadian film One Week.

Canadian charm Week's highlight

One **Week**

Director: Michael McGowan
Stars: Joshua Jackson, Liane Balaban
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

One Week, starring Joshua Jackson, is a triumphant little film that neither flaunts the fact it is Canadian nor tries to conceal it.

From Toronto to Tofino, B.C., the cinematography reveals the country's true beauty in modest, Canuck fashion that is not overdone but reminds you why it's so much better to live here than anywhere else.

When Ben Tyler (Jackson) learns he's dying from an aggressive form of cancer and has little time left to live, he hops on a motorcycle he purchased on his way home from the doctor's office and heads west.

He leaves his practical and adoring fiancée Samantha Pierce (Liane Balaban of New Waterford Girl) behind and hits the road.

The 20-something Toronto English teacher figures he's going to die anyway and wants to hold off on the inevitability of agonizing treatment for as long as he can.

Jackson delivers an award-worthy performance and develops a character that is simultaneously pensive and sombre, reckless and joyful as he grapples with the reality of his death sentence.

One moment he shudders in tears and anger at the side of the road after his bike breaks down; the next he performs a ridiculous "happy dance" after surviving a wipeout without so much as a scrape.

Writer and director Michael McGowan ensures the protagonist is neither hero nor victim and Campbell Scott's narration of the journey adds flow and insight to Ben's character.

And although it's your typical road trip flick, the humble practicality of it all is patently Canadian and diverges joyously from other Hollywood productions of the same genre.

Tying it all together are the country's ubiquitous "world's biggest" landmarks Ben visits on his quest to find meaning including Sudbury's Big Nickel and Medicine Hat's giant Teepee. He also meets a variety of interesting characters along the way like The Tragically Hip's frontman Gordon Downie and Halifax singer/songwriter Joel Plaskett.

The film is a piece of Canadiana to be proud of that showcases the country's diversity and majestic scenery while following a universal and touching story about life and death.

On the web

- To find out the screen times for One Week, visit metronews.ca/movies

Film brings White House intrigue

PROJECT The 28th Amendment, a long-gestating Warner Bros. project about conspiracy and intimidation at the White House, is close to landing a new director.

The Lives of Others helmer Florian Henckel Von Donnersmarck is in talks to direct the picture, after Neil Jordan had been in discussions to take the helm. At one point Philip Noyce was connected to the project.

Amendment has been described as The Firm set in the White House. Its premise is that for a good part of the 20th century, the president has been the puppet of a small, lethal gang that kills anyone who defies its wishes.

Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci, the writing partners behind Transformers and Paramount's Star Trek reboot, wrote the spec script on which Amendment is based.

Von Donnersmarck's Oscar-winning debut, about a small group of renegades who dare to defy the East German Stasi, touches on themes similar to those in Amendment.

Denzel Washington has long been attached to star in the thriller. **REUTERS**

Cruise in the mix

- Tom Cruise is in talks with the director to play president of the United States for The 28th Amendment, Variety reports. **EW.COM**

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The silver screen version of the celebrated graphic novel Watchmen hits theatres today.

Watchmen bold but bewildering

Watchmen
Director: Zack Snyder
Stars: Jackie Earle Haley, Billy Crudup
Classification: 18A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Fanatics of author Alan Moore's groundbreaking graphic novel Watchmen hold the text in such pious geek reverence that bringing the property to the big screen has been nothing short of intimidating.

And yet, finally, after two decades of hand changing, here it is in all its big, bloody and ballsy allegorical glory. The grim, noir laced phantasmagoria of faded superheroes and the various inter-personal demons they battle is, under the guidance of 300 director Zack Snyder, a decidedly faithful adaptation.

And while it will no doubt please most of those fickle panel framed fans, the uninitiated might find it all a bit overwhelming.

On the web

- For photos, trailer and screen times for Watchmen, visit metronews.ca/movies

Watchmen paints an abstract portrait of a world teetering on the brink of destruction. It's 1985: Nixon is in his third presidential term and cold war tensions between Russia and the U.S. are at an all time high. Nuclear annihilation appears imminent.

In the peripheral of this volatile alternate reality lurks a handful of aging and deeply troubled former costumed vigilantes who, after one of their brethren is murdered, begin banding back together to save themselves and the planet they once swore to protect. But all is not what it seems in this weird world and the lines between good and evil are anything but defined.

Watchmen is a major work of dark fantasy, throbbing with intellect and oozing retro/futurist style. It might be the boldest genre hybrid since Blade Runner, but it's also jarringly episodic, confusing and occasionally, dramatically inert.

However, every time the picture starts to lag, another slab of revolutionary visual bravado explodes into frame, redeeming all trespasses and dazzling the senses.

Performances run hot (Jackie Earle Haley is magnetic as the psychotic Rorschach) and cold (Billy Crudup's digitally tweaked reading of the superhuman and super endowed Dr. Manhattan leaves much to be desired) but from the jaw-dropping opening credits on down, this is Snyder's show, a tonal tour de force.

It also boasts the single hottest sex scene since Nicholas Roeg's Don't Look Now, an urgent, kinky and absurd sequence that alone is worth the price of admission. And, on that note, be warned: Watchmen is decidedly adult fare. Don't bring the kids.

Button actress to star in Perry film

PROJECT Hot on the heels of the success of Madea Goes to Jail, the top movie in North America for the past two weekends, prolific filmmaker Tyler Perry is about to begin work on his next project.

I Can Do Bad All By Myself, based on Perry's play of the same name, will start shooting on March 16 at his studio in Atlanta. As usual, Perry will write, direct and star in the film. Taraji P. Henson, Oscar nominated for The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, will also star.

Success

- Perry has released seven films through Lionsgate since Diary of a Mad Black Woman in 2005, and they have collectively grossed nearly $350 million at the North American box office.

Perry's signature character, the indomitable pistol-packing granny Madea, will be featured in the film, which is scheduled for release on Sept. 11 via Lionsgate, the studio with which he signed a three-year, first-look deal in the summer.

Perry will then start work on Why Did I Get Married Too, a sequel to 2007's Why Did I Get Married? It will be released on Easter weekend next April. REUTERS

aptn Tonight's can't miss movie. aptn

Man convicted in killing of Harry Potter actor

The killer of 18-year-old Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince actor Rob Knox was convicted Wednesday in London's Old Bailey court of stabbing Knox and four friends in May 2008. PEOPLE.COM

Rock solid family guy

Action hero in G territory with Witch Mountain

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Shortly after he starred in the Disney hit The Game Plan, Dwayne Johnson made a full conversion from winning championship belts and grappling with greased-up gladiators in a wrestling ring, to stealing the title of King of the Family Comedy.

Now, with no less than two family-friendly films about to come out, the former WWE champ — known as The Rock — won't admit it's a sign he's gone soft.

"It just so happens that I've been offered these roles and they happen to be in a family setting," admitted Johnson during a recent interview in Las Vegas. "I also love the idea that if you're going to make a family movie and you do it right, then there's a character on screen that every member of the family can relate to."

First up for families is Race to Witch Mountain (in theatres next Friday), a reimagining of Disney's 1975 classic Escape to Witch Mountain. In this family adventure, Johnson plays a cab driver who escorts a pair of strange teens with paranormal powers in their quest to save the world. It's a thrilling tale that delves into the mysteries of UFOs and extraterrestrials — a phenomenon Johnson believes in.

Dwayne Johnson, a.k.a. The Rock, plays a cab driver in the family-friendly Race to Witch Mountain.

Movie **feature**

"I'd be arrogant to think that we are the only life forms out there," said the actor who researched the subject prior to filming. "When you see this footage and you delve deep into that culture, I've got to contest that you'd be really amazed at what you find.

"I do believe there are other life forms out there. I've never actually seen an alien but I was a big believer before the movie ... and a big believer after."

"It just so happens that I've been offered these roles and they happen to be in a family setting."
Dwayne Johnson

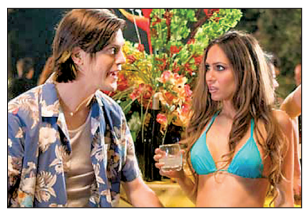
Whether or not you believe in aliens yourself, there's no denying Johnson's mainstream appeal in larger-than-life roles. In fact, who knows who might relate to Johnson's upcoming family blockbuster.

The one-time WWE champion will next be starring in The Tooth Fairy — a comedy about a belligerent hockey player who is forced to become the mystical magic wand-waving title character.

"We're going to introduce the world to our version of the tooth fairy and it's me," laughs Johnson at playing the wholesome tutu-donned pixie. "Whatever you have in your mind and as funny as you think that is, well, it's going to eclipse that."

March to movie world from web

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



A scene from Miss March.

FEATURE How do you land a deal to write, direct and star in your own movie with a major film studio? Well, upload your funniest gags on the Internet of course. Hey, it worked for Trevor Moore and Zach Cregger.

Two-fifths of the sketch comedy troupe Whitest Kids U Know, Moore and Cregger somehow went from uploading wacky homemade videos on YouTube to signing a major deal to make the comedy Miss March (in theatres next Friday).

"We owe everything to the Internet," admitted Moore during a recent interview in Toronto. "We started putting our stuff online (right around the time YouTube launched). There wasn't a whole lot of sketch comedy on YouTube yet so we kind of benefitted from just being there right at the beginning."

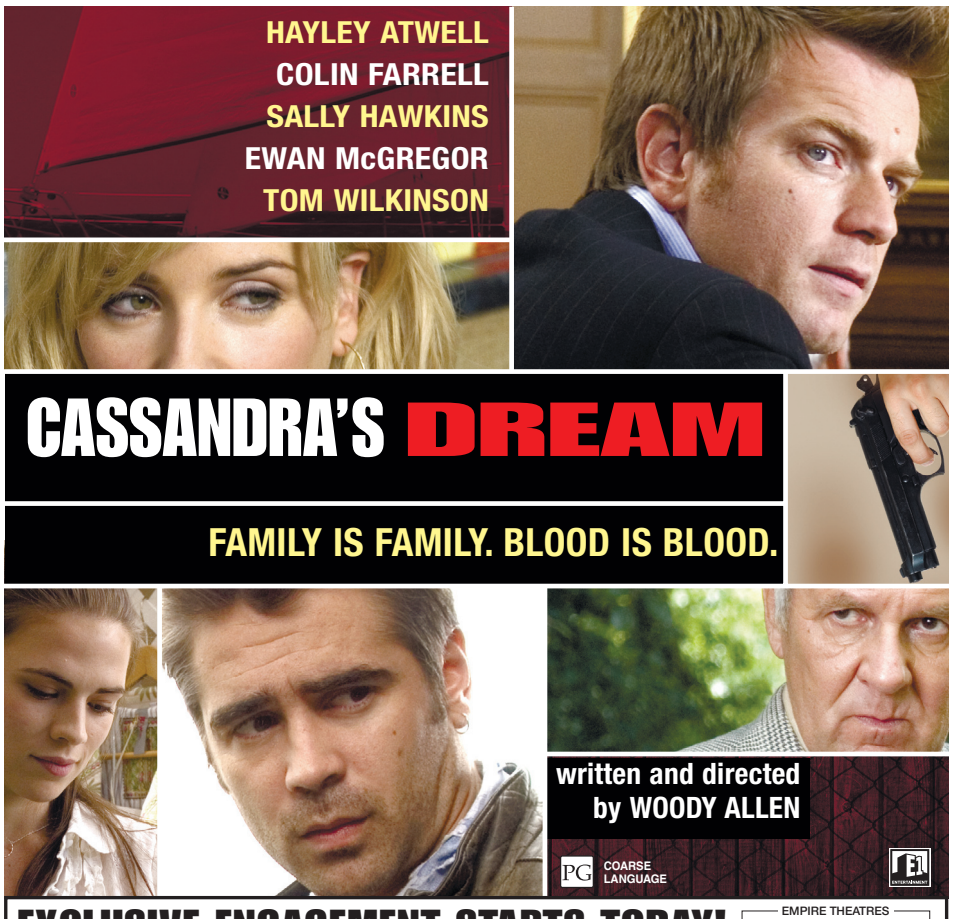
That they did. But with all the Kids' Internet fame (their web page claims over three million monthly visitors after all), stepping straight into the shoes of big-screen bigwigs would not be an easy adjustment.

"Our show's a low-budget program that I think we make it look really good for the amount of money that we spend on it but our crew is probably 20 people," said Moore. "When we got to the movie, there's like eighty or a hundred people that are all running around and you're like, 'I've never seen that person before; I don't know any of these people' and it was a little overwhelming."

Eventually, Moore and Cregger got over their daunting task and put forth a teen comedy about a young guy who awakens from a coma only to be whisked off on a zany road trip by a pal bent on reuniting him with a high school sweetheart-turned-Playboy centerfold.

"One of the things we talked about when we decided to re-write the script was (that) we wanted to make a road movie that we would like to watch so we tried to push everything a little bit," said Moore.

"The outrageous stuff is a little more outrageous than most of the road trip movies we've seen ... it kind of lives in a sketch universe in some way but we tried to ground it enough so that it still works as a real movie."



Canvas packs punch

Canvas
Director: Joseph Greco
Stars: Joe Pantoliano, Marcia Gay Harden
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

A scene from Canvas.

Movies don't come more personal than Canvas, writer/director/co-producer Joseph Greco's serious-minded exploration of the devastating effects unleashed by mental illness upon an otherwise tightly knit American family.

Loosely based on Greco's childhood, the low-budget picture may be somewhat predictable in its plotting, but nonetheless packs a powerful emotional punch.

Ten-year-old Chris Marino (most recently seen in Changeling) lives a quiet life with his blue-collar father Joe (Joe Pantoliano of, among other things, The Sopranos) and artist mother, Mary (Oscar winner Marcia Gay Harden) in sunny Florida.

But as Chris begins his new school year, discovering girls and seeking social acceptance, Mary begins to lose her battle with schizophrenia, throwing public fits of police-baiting rage and displaying crippling amounts of irrational paranoia.

When his beloved wife is hospitalized indefinitely for treatment, Joe copes by constructing a massive sailboat on the family's front lawn with the vague hope that a long-broken promise of sailing around the world might rouse Mary from her illness.

Meanwhile, the increasingly despondent Chris begins to suspect his otherwise stable dad may be slipping into madness himself.

There's both an anger and honesty in Canvas that buoys the film and consistently keeps it from lapsing into cliché-ridden disease-of-the-week territory.

Greco's direction is unaffected, the pace is brisk and Joel Goodman's dreamy, melancholy score is refreshingly subtle, never overpowering the film's actors during the more volatile, showier scenes.

But the real strength of the picture rests with the always reliable Pantoliano (he, along with Harden, also served as creative producers), who manages to sculpt a complex, searing portrait of a good man in the grip of unimaginable stress.

Nowhere is his craft more evident than in a gently observed, quietly disarming sequence in which Joe is caught flipping through photo albums, smiling at past pictures of his then-healthy wife before dissolving into uncontrollable tears. By the time Canvas sails into its lyrical, bittersweet conclusion, you just might find yourself joining him.

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HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
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Miracle at St. Anna (18A) Fri 9:35 Sat-Sun 3:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 9:35
Twilight (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) DTS Digital Fri 7-9:30 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:30 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:15-8
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:45-9:50 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:50 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5-8:15
Watchmen (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 4:45-8:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4:45-8:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 4:45-8:30

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe St., 604-688-3456

3 Women (STC) Mon 8 Wed 7
Adoration (STC) Sat 7:15
Before Tomorrow (STC) Sat 9:15
The Black Balloon (STC) Thu 7:30
Lost Song (STC) Fri 7:30
My Winnipeg (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat 7:30-9:05
Wavelength (STC) Mon 7 Wed 9:20

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Milk (PG) Fri 4-7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:35

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Thu 4-9:20
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-7 Tue-Wed 7

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film

Watchmen (18A) Fri 5:45-9-12:15 Sat-Sun 2:30-5:45-9-12:15 Mon-Thu 5:45-9-12:15

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:10-9:50
The International (14A) Fri 12:45-4-7:30-10:30 Sat 4:10-7:30-10:30 Sun-Thu 12:45-4-7:30-10:30
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:20-4:30-6:50-9:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Madama Butterfly (STC) Sat 10
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45-7:20-9:40
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:40-10:10
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Fri 11:30-11:45-1-3-3:20-5-6:40-7-9-10:20-10:45 No Passes Sat 11:45-1-3-3:20-5-6:40-7-9-10:20-10:45 No Passes Sun 11:30-11:45-1-3-3:20-5-6:40-7-9-10:20-10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 11:45-1-3:20-5-7-9-10:45 No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-3-6:40-10:20

TINSELTOWN
88 West Pender, 604-806-0799

Che (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-7:30
The Class (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7:20-10:10
Coraline 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-3:30-7-9:30
Doubt (G) Fri-Wed 12:20-2:55-5:25-7:55-10:30
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Tue 7:35-9:55 Wed 9:55 Thu 7:35-9:55
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:15-10:15
One Week (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:05
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:15-4:25-7:05-9:20 Mon 12-2:15-4:25-9:20 Tue 12-2:15-4:25-7:05-9:20 Wed 12-2:15-4:25-9:20 Thu 12-2:15-4:25-7:05-9:20
The Reader (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:55-7:10-10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-1:25-3:05-4:30-6:10-7:25-9-10:20
Wendy and Lucy (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:15-5:20
The Wrestler (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:05-2:35-5:10-7:45-10:25

VANCITY THEATRE
1181 Seymour St., 604-683-Film

The Chiefs (STC) Mon 9:15
Cowards Bend the Knee (STC) Wed 8:45
Gross Misconduct (STC) Wed 7
Home Game (STC) Thu 7
Junior (STC) Thu 8:45
Paperback Hero (STC) Tue 9
Perfectly Normal (STC) Tue 7
Slap Shot (STC) Mon 7

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Dr., 604-251-1313

Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 7-9:25

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri 7:15-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:50-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:35
Hotel for Dogs (G) Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:25
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:45-2:45-4:45-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15
The Reader (18A) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Fri 6:30-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-2-4:30-6:30-8-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-8-10

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Coraline 3D (PG) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:35-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri 6:30-9:35 Sat 3:30-6:30-9:35 Sun 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Metropolitan Opera: Madama Butterfly (STC) Sat 10
One Week (STC) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-3:40-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:20-6:40-9:20 Mon-Tue 6:40-9:20 Wed 9:20 Thu 6:40-9:20
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) Fri 6:35 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:10-6:35 Mon-Thu 6:35
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 10

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri 3:50-7:15-9:45 Sat 12:20-3:50-7:15-9:45 Sun 12:20-3:50-7:15 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:15
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri 3:35-7:05-10 Sat 12:05-3:35-7:05-10 Sun 12:05-3:35-7:05 Mon-Thu 3:35-7:05
The International (14A) Fri-Sat 9:50 Sun-Thu 7
Milk (PG) Fri 3:40-7:10-10:05 Sat 12:10-3:40-7:10-10:05 Sun 12:10-3:40-7:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-7:10
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 3:45-7 Sat 12:15-3:45-7 Sun 12:15-3:45 Mon-Thu 3:45
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:55-10:15 No Passes Sat 12-3:30-6:55-10:15 No Passes Sun 12-3:30-6:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:55
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 3:55-7:20-10:10 Sat 12:25-3:55-7:20-10:10 Sun 12:25-3:55-7:20 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:20

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:50-6:45-9:35
Coraline (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:10-6:15-9:05
Fired Up (14A) Fri 12:45-3:20-7:25-10:20 Sat 3:20-7:25-10:20 Sun-Thu 12:45-3:20-7:25-10:20
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Thu 9:55
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:25
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:35-7-10:10
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 11:35-2:10
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:30-7:05-10:15
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:30-8:30
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-2:45-5-7:15-9:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Madama Butterfly (STC) Sat 10
One Week (STC) Fri-Wed 2:15-5-7:30-10 Thu 5-7:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:40-6:50-9:15
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:15-7:20
The Reader (18A) Fri-Thu 12-3:05-6:40-9:45
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:35-7:50-10:45 Thu 4:35-7:50-10:45 Thu 1
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) Fri 12:50-3:25-7:35-10:35 Sat 12:50-3:25-7:35-10:25 Sun-Thu 12:50-3:25-7:35-10:35
Taken (14A) Fri 1:05-4:45-7:45-10:05 Sat 4:45-7:45-10:05 Sun-Thu 1:05-4:45-7:45-10:05
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-12:05-1-3-3:45-5-6:30-7:30-9-10-11
Watchmen: The IMAX Experience (18A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12-3:30-7-10:30 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:45-4:30-8:15

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Watchmen (18A) Fri 6:30-9:35 Sat-Sun 12-3:15-6:30-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:35

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Tue 12:45-4:10-7:05-10 Wed 12:45-4:10-10 Thu 12:45-4:10-7:05-10
Coraline (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:40-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:10-3:40-7
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Wed 12:15-3:30-7:15-10:30 Thu 12:15-3:30-10:30
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-4:45-7-9:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Madama Butterfly (STC) Sat 10
Push (14A) Fri 12:40-3:55-7:10-9:55 Sat 3:55-7:10-9:55 Sun 12:40-3:55-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 9:55
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-4-7:20-10:10
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:45-6:55-9:45
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-12:30-3:20-4:15-6:50-8-10:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 1-5-9

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Fired Up (14A) Fri 5-7:25-10:10 Sat 2:05-5-7:25-10:10 Sun 2:05-5-7:25 Mon-Thu 5-7:25
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri 4:50-7:30-10:15 Sat 1:55-4:50-7:30-10:15 Sun 1:55-4:50-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:30
Inkheart (PG) Fri 4:35 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:35 Mon-Thu 4:35
The International (14A) Fri 4:30-7:05-9:55 Sat 1:40-4:30-7:05-9:55 Sun 1:40-4:30-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:05
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 4:55-7:10-9:45 Sat 2:10-4:55-7:10-9:45 Sun 2:10-4:55-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:10
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 4:40-7:15 Sat 2-4:40-7:15 Sun 2-4:40 Mon-Thu 4:40
Taken (14A) Fri 4:45-7:20-10:05 Sat 1:50-4:45-7:20-10:05 Sun 1:50-4:45-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:20
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sat 7-9:50 Sun-Thu 7
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Sat 10 Sun-Thu 7:15

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:25-6:55-9:55
Coraline (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:15-7:05-9:45
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
Fired Up (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:50-10:30
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:20-10:10
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:25-6:45-10:05
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:25-7
The International (14A) Fri 1:20-4:25-7:15-10:20 Sat 4:25-7:15-10:20 Sun-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:15-10:20
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-2:50-5-7:10-9:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Madama Butterfly (STC) Sat 10
One Week (STC) Fri-Tue 1-4-7:30-10:35 Wed 4-7:30-10:35 Thu 1-4-7:30-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-5:10-7:40-9:55
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:50-5:15-7:35-10
Push (14A) Fri-Thu 10:30
The Reader (18A) Fri 12:40-3:55-6:50-9:40 Sat 3:55-6:50-9:40 Sun-Thu 12:40-3:55-6:50-9:40
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:20-10:05
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) Fri-Thu 12-2:35-5:15-7:55-10:35
Taken (14A) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:40-7:45-10:25 Wed 4:40-7:45-10:25 Thu 1:30-4:40-7:45-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-12:30-1-2-3:30-4:15-5-6:30-7-8:15-9-10:15-10:45
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:35

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Hotel for Dogs (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 8:45
Paul Blart: Mall Cop Fri-Thu 7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri-Thu 4:45
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Thu 9
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 8:25
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:10-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30
Marley & Me (G) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 2-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:30-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:45
Push (14A) Fri-Thu 6:45
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Sat-Sun 12
Twilight (PG) Fri-Thu 8:40

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave., Surrey, 604-501-9400

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Tue 12:35-4:10-7:20-9:50 Wed 4:10-7:20-9:50 Thu 12:35-4:10-7:20-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Delhi 6 (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:35-6:45-9:55
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-4-7:10-10:05
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-6:50-9:35
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-12:50-4:05-4:35-8-8:30
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-2:45-4:50-7:05-9:15
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:25-9:45
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Tue 12:20-3:55-6:55-10 Wed 3:55-6:55-10 Thu 12:20-3:55-6:55-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:40-7:15-9:40
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-1-3:30-5-7-9-10:30

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-7:10-9:45
Coraline (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-6:55-9:35
Fired Up (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:25-9:55
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4:45-8:15
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4-7-9:30
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:05-7:20-9:40
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:50-9:50
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:30-10:05
Taken (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:25-7:05-10:10
Watchmen (18A) No Passes, Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1-2-4:30-6:30-8-10

RIALTO
1732-152nd St.,604-541-9527

Doubt (G) Fri 7:10-9 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9 Mon-Thu 7:10-9
The Reader (18A) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Hwy., 604-531-7456

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri 7:20 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 7:20
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:30
Watchmen (18A) Fri 6:30-8-9:35 Sat 2-2:30-6:30-8-9:35 Sun 2-2:30-7-8 Mon-Thu 7-8
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 9:25

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:35-7-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:35-7-10:10
Coraline (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:25-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:05
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
Fired Up (14A) Fri-Thu 7:25-10:20
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 12:25-3:30-6:50-9:55 Sat 2:05-6:50-9:55 Sun 12:25-3:30-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:50-9:55
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-4:15-7:25-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:25-10:30
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:50-6:45 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45
The International Fri-Sun 12:40-3:30-7:05-10 Mon-Thu 3:30-7:05-10
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-2:40-5:05-7:30-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:05-7:30-9:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Madama Butterfly (STC) Sat 10
One Week (STC) Fri-Sun 12:45-4:20-7:15-10:05 Mon-Tue 4:20-7:15-10:05 Wed 7:15-10:05 Thu 4:20-7:15-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:05-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:10-9:40
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:25-4:50 Mon-Thu 4:50
Push (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-4:10-7:35-10:25 Mon-Tue 4:10-7:35-10:25 Wed 4:10-10:25 Thu 4:10-7:35-10:25
The Reader (18A) Fri-Sun 12-3:40-6:40-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:45
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:45-6:55-9:50 Mon-Tue 3:45-6:55-9:50 Wed 6:55-9:50 Thu 3:45-6:55-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-3:55-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:40-10:20
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:50-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:20-10:10
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:15-12:30-1-2:45-4-5-6:30-7:30-9-10:15-11 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-5-6:30-7:30-9-10:15
Watchmen: The IMAX Experience (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-3:30-7-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-7-10:30

TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN
260th Street & Fraser Highway, Langley, 604-856-5063

Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Sun 7:30
Push (14A) Fri-Sun 9:45

The top pop albums, according to Billboard
1. Fearless, Taylor Swift, right; **2.** Wrath, Lamb of God; **3.** The 3D Concert Experience Soundtrack, Jonas Brothers; **4.** Slumdog Millionaire Soundtrack, Various Artists; **5.** Dark Horse, Nickelback. REUTERS

Music

Cyclone force

Neko Case blends folk, country on new disc

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

You can't blame anyone for thinking that alt-country songstress Neko Case is Canadian — she recorded parts of her new album in Toronto, she's the main female singer in Vancouver-based power pop band The New Pornographers, she has a degree from a B.C. university — but, and I hate to break it you, she's a full-blooded American.

The Virginia-born singer-songwriter hasn't actually lived in Canada since 1998, but that doesn't mean she doesn't hold the Great White North in high regard.

"It's definitely a huge part of my consciousness," she explains. "When I was a little girl I thought I was Canadian. We lived on the border and only had CBC. I'm American, but I feel like I'm North American."

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While Case currently resides on a large farm in Vermont ("I like farms and the wilderness and the trees," she says) she doesn't rule out a return to Canada — but only if our immigration rules change.

"I'm not willing to get married to move somewhere, but if Canada lets me in full time, I would do it," she says on the phone from her U.S. abode.

Until that happens, Canadians can only hope that the red haired guitarist will keep churning out records, both solo and with the New Pornographers, and visiting her other homeland for gigs.

Unfortunately, it took three years for Case to release Middle Cyclone, the follow-up to Fox Confessor Brings the Flood, so don't expect another disc from her for a while. She says it's impossible to release music any faster.

"I have another full-time band," she says. "And I like to keep touring. I like to milk it. I don't work on a schedule, I just record when the Pornographers are done."

Luckily, each solo disc is worth the wait. Her latest delivers another batch of twangy folk-meets-country tracks, each one more infectious than the next.

Middle Cyclone, the new album from Neko Case, was released this week.

Case says the new disc is about love, but it's not what you think.

"It's not the man-woman relationship song," she says. "I don't think I'm very good at writing those types of tunes. I generally write about situations and characters, or when it's a tornado in love with a person."

She's not kidding, more than one song discusses tornados, while others delve into the relationships between people, nature and animals. Case isn't sure why she was drawn to violent wind storms, but maybe it has something to do with her second home.

"I've been obsessed with tornados and I've always liked nature and animals," she says. "Maybe it's part of my Canadian subconscious. I've got some Canadian in me and I need to let it out."

In concert

- Neko Case plays the Vogue Theatre on June 3.

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Music

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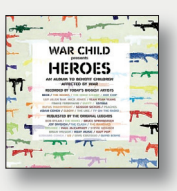
• **K'NAAN, TROUBADOU:** Innovative Toronto-raised MC deftly fuses rap, rock, reggae and pop elements with smooth rhyming skills.

• **WAR CHILD PRESENTS HEROES:** Alt-rock all-stars including Peaches and TV On The Radio radically rework classic tunes for charity.



• **EMMA-LEE, NEVER JUST A DREAM:** Lee's sultry voice gives a '50s crooner feel to these sublime, jazzed-up love songs.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tearing up the dance floor

Shout Out Out Out Out mash minimalist beats, techno synths and catchy lyrics

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Edmonton electro group Shout Out Out Out Out dropped its new album Reintegration Time this week.

When I catch Nik Kozub, co-founder of Edmonton electro group Shout Out Out Out Out, on the phone he tells me he's about to go to work. I was confused — isn't he about to release his band's new album? Why's he recording again? He quickly sets the record straight. "I'm mixing my dad's album," he explains. "He brings me to work on his records."

His father, Wilfred Kozub, frontman for Wilfred N & The Grown Men, has been making rock music since the early '80s, and while the two haven't collaborated on a song yet, it's pops that's responsible for his son's love of club beats and synth sounds.

"I grew up around an 808 (a digital drum machine) and a lot of my synths were inherited from my dad," says Kozub.

While the E-Town songwriter has made his name twisting knobs and slamming keys with the Shout Outs, his love for everything electronic is a recent development. The band is made up of recovering rockers — Kozub played with Luke Doucet in Veal — so when the six-piece saw their debut disc, Not Saying/Just Saying, receive critical acclaim and a Juno nom they were floored.

"We certainly didn't expect anyone to care," says Kozub. "We started the band as something different and interesting for us as individuals who have played in a bunch of rock and punk bands for years."

Now that the project has turned into a full time job, the group has gotten serious about their new record Reintegration Time. It picks up where their last disc left off — brooding minimalist beats, techno heavy synths and catchy, but not overpowering lyrics.

Getting the sound they wanted this time around wasn't as easy as it was before. The Shout Outs were so careful about crafting the right disc, it took them six months to get it done.

"It took us a lot longer than we thought," says Kozub. "One thing we wanted to do this time around was create a dense and textural disc, with more of a focus on the electronic music side of things."

While it's too early to say whether all the hard work will result in a Juno win this time around, it's a safe bet that more and more fans will flock to these rockers-turned-dance floor fanatics.

"A lot of people who have traditionally grown up listening to rock bands are now seeing that dance music is pretty fun," says Kozub. "But I think for a lot of people they still like to have a live band element. Sure, our band is trying to make full on techno music, but just because we are who we are we can't help but put a live band feel to what we're doing."

In concert

• Shout Out Out Out Out play Richard's on Richards on March 29.

The biggest week in Canadian Music

SoundCheck

Alan Cross
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Next Wednesday, Canadian Music Week, the biggest, most exhausting and exasperating music festival in the country lands in Toronto. Close to 600 performers from all over the world will showcase their stuff for fans, hipsters, managers, publishers, radio folk, journalists, bloggers, video channels and record weasels. And they'll do it at one of nearly 50 venues over the course of just five nights.

So for those not heading to Toronto next week, I've compiled a list of bands most likley to make some noise at CMW. Watch for them in your town.

• **The Waking Eyes**: This Winnipeg band's albums are very good, but they're best experienced live. They're turning into our own Flaming Lips.

• **Kate Rogers Band**: I've been watching London, Ont.'s Kate Rogers for a while now. Don't be fooled by her gentle acoustic sound. There's some real intensity below the surface.

• **Fred**: A five-piece from Cork, Ireland, of whom not a single member is named Fred. Fun and intelligent pop-rock. Three top 10 hits and a gold record at home, too.

• **Inward Eye**: Laid end-to-end, Winnipeg's Erickson brothers give you more than 20 feet of Who-like awesomeness.

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Barton set for Melrose Place
Mischa Barton is heading back to TV — she's in negotiations to star in the Melrose Place remake. The former O.C. star has confirmed she is in talks to join the cast of the show. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

You've come a long way, Barbie

The world-renowned Mattel doll turns the big 5-0 next week

JENNIFER YANG
for Metro Canada

In half a century, she's been an astronaut, an Olympian, and a four-time presidential candidate — all while maintaining a perky bod with nary a wrinkle in sight.

Only one woman on earth (albeit not a real one!) is capable of such improbable achievements, and her name is Barbie Millicent Roberts — or, simply, Barbie, as we all know her.

"Barbie's come a long way," said Adriana Gut, Barbie brand manager for Mattel Canada. "What's interesting about her is she's managed to stay really relevant and is truly a reflection of the times."

This Monday, Barbie turns 50 years old, five decades after debuting at the New York Toy Fair in a zebra-print swimsuit. Little girls quickly swooned over the buxom blond and toy maker Mattel sold 300,000 that year, making Barbie both a household name and a household item.

Today, three Barbies are sold every second, according to Mattel. Barbie has also undergone many transformations, with 108 careers on her resume and 50 nationalities on her passport. Her closet has millions of outfits, some designed by the likes of Vera Wang or Christian Lacroix, and her shoe collection is steadily approaching infinity.

And while Barbie has as many critics as she does fans, there's no debating her iconic status. To celebrate her birthday, Mattel Canada collaborated with five Canadian brands to design exclusive product lines, with everything from couches to couture for the modern-day Barbie buff.

Barbie stilettos are also finally available in human size now, thanks to Town Shoes. "Every little girl wanted to fit in to Barbie shoes," said Crissi Giamos, director of public relations.

Barbie clothes, too, will now be human-sized when David Dixon unveils his Barbie-inspired collection at Toronto Fashion Week. "I went 'Barbie clothes for women?' ... and said, 'Yeah, why not?'" Dixon said. "It's allowed me to explore a new avenue with my signature collection."

Cake founder Heather Reier says her line of Barbie cosmetics "celebrates how far she's come ... It has all that old-school quality feel to it but with a different spin."

And what Barbie fantasy is complete without a home? The Bay will soon be selling Barbie furniture and home accessories by Glenn Dixon, co-host of W Network's Take This House and Sell It!

"Everyone has a Barbie story," Dixon said. "It's about living out your dreams, more than the doll itself."

Barbie by Cake collection: Gotta Hand it to Her velveteen hand creme, $20 (right), and Starlit boudoir candle, $20 (above). Available at Sephora starting March 14.

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Products fit for Barbie herself

Join the celebration with offerings from these Canadian designers:

- Designer David Dixon has created a women's collection to honour the world's tiniest fashionista. It promises to add plenty of pink to the runway at its Toronto Fashion Week debut (March 16).
- Foxy Originals' Barbie jewelry collection uses playful zebra and rainbow prints, riffing on designers Jen Kluger and Suzie Orol's '80s childhoods for inspiration. "We had fun interpreting Barbie in terms of our generation," said Kluger.
- For that Barbie-perfect skin (minus all the plastic), Cake Beauty's creams, mists and scrubs — in a specially-concocted signature Barbie scent that takes inspiration from vintage '60s Barbies — will be available at Sephora.
- Town Shoes has designed a party shoe, platform sandal and zebra-print pump, all sporting a Barbie-pink sole.
- Glenn Dixon's home furnishings and accessories, such as lacquered chairs and modern sofas, will make for a glam addition to any Dream House. Available at the Bay.

JENNIFER YANG /FOR METRO CANADA

Barbie Zebra Ring, $24, (left) and reversible Barbie pendant, $34, (above), both by Foxy. Find a store near you or order online at foxyoriginals.com.

Barbie by Town Shoes, $130 each.

Right: The Kimora Lee Simmons Barbie models Baby Phat.

Former 'Angel' Jaclyn Smith turns to the hair business

BEAUTY Actress Jaclyn Smith, one of the glamorous stars of the 1970s TV series Charlie's Angels, was laughed at when she launched her own clothing line at low-priced department store Kmart.

Now, in the recession, she's the one laughing loudest.

As the economy forces Americans to cut back on spending, more people are looking to cheaper stores to buy their clothes and other household items.

"With our economy where it is today, it could not be a better place to shop. No one is teasing me any more. They are probably envious," Smith, 61, told Reuters in a telephone interview, adding that 100 million women have bought her clothes since 1985.

"Now everybody is into branding ... Sarah Jessica Parker has a line that is moderately priced. People are following my trend."

As well as running her own collection of women's apparel for Kmart, Smith also has her own home furnishings line, Jaclyn Smith Home, and recently added a collection of wigs to her line of businesses in collaboration with wig specialist Paula Young.

"Some people have health issues and need wigs but with actresses today you constantly see changes of style and color, and the wig can help create the role," she explained.

Smith, who as Kelly Garrett was the only original "Angel" in the detective series for its five year run from 1976 to 1981, is currently the hostess of reality television show Shear Genius that focuses on hair styling. REUTERS

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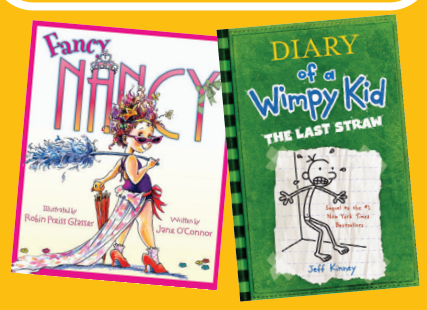

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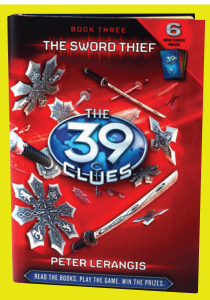

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Hargitay back in hospital

Actress Mariska Hargitay has been admitted to a New York hospital for chest pains, just two months after suffering a collapsed lung. The Law & Order: SVU star began experiencing pain on the set of the show Tuesday, reports TMZ.com. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Television

Silverman latest economic casualty?

The economic downturn is jeopardizing The Sarah Silverman Program, one of Comedy Central's signature series.

The show's executive producers — Silverman, Dan Sterling and Rob Schrab — have threatened to quit after the network told them the budget for their series would be slashed by more than 20 per cent.

More than two months after Sarah Silverman ended its second season, the show has yet to be renewed for Season 3. (In 2007, the second-season pickup came 11 days after the series' premiere.)

At the centre of the holdup is the proposed budget for Season 3. Citing cuts imposed on the network by parent company MTV Networks, Comedy Central had proposed that the trio bring back the show to about $850,000 US an episode, sources said, down from $1.1 million an episode last season.

MTV Networks' parent Viacom in December laid off seven per cent of its work force, though Comedy Central largely was spared, in consideration of 2003 cuts following Time Warner's acquisition of half the network.

Concerned they won't be able to maintain the integrity of the show at the discounted price, Silverman, on behalf of the three executive producers, informed the network late last week that they can't proceed with a third season. REUTERS

Comedy Central talks ongoing

- As of last Friday, the situation remained at a standstill. Both sides continued their back-and-forth last weekend.
- A resolution is expected as early as Monday, with people close to the situation confident a deal will be reached.

Chris Brown charged, appears in L.A. court

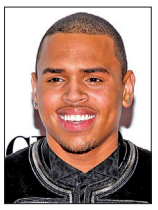
LEGAL Singer Chris Brown was charged Thursday with felony assault and making criminal threats in what prosecutors say was an attack on his girlfriend, the pop star Rihanna.

Brown, 19, appeared briefly in Los Angeles Superior Court Thursday afternoon but did not enter a plea to the charges. His arraignment was postponed until April 6.

Prosecutors said Brown attacked Rihanna, 21, late on the night before the Feb. 8 Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

Barbados-born Rihanna, whose full name is Robyn Rihanna Fenty, is identified in the complaint only as "Robyn F." She had not previously been identified by police as the victim.

Local FOX-11 news in Los Angeles, citing a search warrant affidavit filed by police detectives, reported the couple argued in a car after Rihanna read a lengthy text message from another woman on Brown's phone.



Chris Brown

According to the documents, Brown tried to push Rihanna from his rented Lamborghini but couldn't because she was wearing a seatbelt.

Brown then shoved Rihanna's head against the passenger window and repeatedly punched her in the face, spattering blood in the car and on her clothing and filling her mouth with blood, FOX said.

During the beating, Rihanna left a message for an assistant to have police waiting for the couple at home, FOX reported, prompting Brown to tell her: "You just did the stupidest thing ever. I'm going to kill you."

According to the documents obtained by FOX, Brown then continued to punch Rihanna, bit her ear and finger and put her into a headlock until she nearly lost consciousness. REUTERS

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	-	-	14	CW	CSI: NY "Love Run Cold"		Boston Legal (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY "Oedipus Hex" (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Without a Trace (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Paid Program	Inside Edition	The Celebrity Apprentice (CC)				Law & Order "Chattel" (CC)		News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Funniest Home Videos		Brothers & Sisters "Troubled Waters" (CC)				KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Most Wanted	MADtv (N)
news	502	390	26	NW	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)		Sat. Report	Fortune	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	CBC News: the fifth estate		Sat. Report
	500	500	33	CNN	D.L. Hughley-News		Newsroom		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Larry King
sports	407	419	22	RSP	Baseball: World Classic		Sportsnet Connected		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected		PartyPoker.net
	400	400	30	TSN	Curling: Tim Hortons Brier		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Winter X-Games Classix		Billiards 2008 Mosconi Cup.		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Ferris Bueller's Day Off ★★★ (1986) Matthew Broderick.				Naruto (CC)	Bleach (CC)	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Tweety's High Flying Adventure (CC)			Planet Sketch	Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Gay Couple	Moral Orel
variety	268	354	5	KNO	Feast of the Giant Sharks		Heartbeat (CC)		Midsomer Murders "A Picture of Innocence" (N) (CC)				Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	Jessica	Carrie Underwood		Kellie Pickler	Ult. Coyote Ugly Search		Coyote Ugly	Coyote Ugly	Coyote Ugly
	615	520	31	A&E	(5:00) Pearl Harbor ★★ (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		Pearl Harbor ★★ (2001, War) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett. (CC)				
	521	560	34	TLC	Deals on Bus	Deals on Bus	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	My First Home	My First Home	Deals on Bus	Deals on Bus	Little People
	616	522	39	SHO	Mutant X "Dark Star Rising"		All the Good Ones Are Married (2007, Drama) Daryl Hannah.				Starsky & Hutch ★★ (2004) Ben Stiller. (CC)		
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:30) Dumb & Dumber ★★ (1994) (CC)			Spider-Man ★★★ (2002, Action) (PA) Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe. (CC)					Scary Movie 3
	603	561	52	FN	Hell's Kitchen (CC)		The F Word		Challenge Chocolate art.		Top Chef Andy Cohen hosts.		Hell's Kitchen
	320	621	60	CEN	U.S. of Tara	Secret Diary	Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day ★★★ (2008)			(:25) Son of Rambow ★★★ (2007) Bill Milner.			Pistol
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	Made (CC)

SUNDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 3/8/09	251	308	3	CBC	Heartland (N) (CC) (DVS)		Diverted (2009) Shawn Ashmore, David Suchet. Premiere. (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News (CC)
	255	358	6	JOY	The Best Years		Extreme Makeover: Home		The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (CC)
	250	321	9	CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	The Amazing Race 14 (N)		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) The Mentalist (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	16:9 Picture	King of Hill	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	Brothers & Sisters (N) (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (CC)		Cold Case "Jackals" (N)		Medium "Apocalypse... Now?"		New Canoe
	253	359	13	CITY	2Half Men	2Half Men	Friends (CC)	Hates Chris	Rock of Love Bus		Crusoe (CC)		Role
	-	-	14	CW	Jericho "Semper Fidelis"		Easy Money ★★ (1983) Rodney Dangerfield, Joe Pesci.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15	CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		The Amazing Race 14 (N)		Cold Case "Jackals" (N)		The Unit "Hero" (N) (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	SNL Game		SNL Just Commercials		The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	Hole in the Wall (N) (CC)		The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)	Q It Up Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	26	NW	Prodigal Sons (2008, Documentary) (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night		Prodigal Sons (2008, Documentary) (CC)		
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family	552	543	25	YTV	How to Eat Fried Worms ★★		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	In Real Life "Auto Racing"		Adrenaline	Zixx Level	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Totally Spies	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Gay Couple
variety	268	354	5	KNO	Amazing Planet (CC)		Martin Clunes: Man and Dogs		Rebus (N) (CC)		(:15) Life Begins (CC)		Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	Hollywood	Thinking	The 43rd Annual Academy of Country Music Awards Excellence in the recording industry.						Coyote Ugly
	615	520	31	A&E	The Sopranos (CC)		The Sopranos (CC)		CSI: Miami "Internal Affairs"		CSI: Miami "Going Ballistic"		The Sopranos
	521	560	34	TLC	Half Ton Teen (CC)		Half-Ton Mom (CC)		Half-Ton Dad (CC)		Half Ton Teen (CC)		Born Boy-Girl
	616	522	39	SHO	The Guard "Just Say No"		Storm Cell (2008, Drama) Mimi Rogers, Elyse Levesque. (CC)				Damages (CC)		The Guard
	294	650	47	TBS	Nacho Libre ★★ (2006, Comedy) (PA) Jack Black. (CC)				The Mask ★★★ (1994) (PA) Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz. (CC)				Kicking
	603	561	52	FN	The Next Food Network Star		The Heat	The Heat	Challenge (CC)		Iron Chef America (CC)		Next Star
	320	621	60	CEN	(6:30) The Ex ★ (2006) (CC)		Pathology ★★ (2008) Milo Ventimiglia.			(:45) Mr. Brooks ★★ (2007) Kevin Costner, Demi Moore. (CC)			
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	MTV News	Made Muscoda's finest coach.		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	City Live After

Entertainment in brief

TELEVISION Fox has set a premiere date for its Osbourne family show, giving the comedy project a lead-in from American Idol. Osbournes: Reloaded will debut Tuesday, March 31, taking the spot of Fringe for a one-time airing, then run as a series of one-hour specials later in the season (in a timeslot not yet determined).

Osbournes originally was billed as a variety show, but Fox considers it more of an unscripted comedy. The show will feature audience interaction, such as betting somebody to kiss a stranger, and offstage segments that might, for example, involve Osbourne family members working at a fast food drive-thru. REUTERS

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Holly Madison on Dancing With The Stars
US magazine is reporting that Holly Madison is joining the cast of Dancing With the Stars. There is speculation Madison could replace Jewel, who has been struggling with knee problems. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Going Out

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So-called King of Pop launches comeback

Pop star Michael Jackson announced his long-awaited comeback on Thursday, telling hundreds of screaming fans he would perform in London this summer and calling it his "final curtain call" in the city.

Wearing a military-style black jacket decorated with silver sequins and punching the air, the 50-year-old revealed his plans on a makeshift stage at the 20,000-capacity O2 Arena where he will play 10 dates starting on July 8.

"Thank you all … this is it," said Jackson from behind a pair of dark glasses.

"These will be my final shows … performances in London. When I say this is it, I mean this is it. I'll be performing the songs my fans want to hear. This is it, this is really it, this is the final curtain call."

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Music promoter AEG Live, which has signed a deal with Jackson, said that the 10-show Las Vegas-style "residency" could be extended if there was sufficient demand for tickets.

AEG Live president and CEO Randy Phillips did not rule out further cooperation with one of the world's biggest music stars, telling Reuters that his company had a three-and-a-half-year plan to work with Jackson.

"He could gross well over $400 million over the three and a half years," he said.

The agreement could involve developing a big-screen version of Jackson's hit song and video Thriller.

Asked about concerns over Jackson's health in recent years, Phillips said Jackson had passed a four-and-a-half hour physical examination with independent doctors.

Fallen Idol

Jackson, still viewed as The King of Pop, has lived the life of a virtual recluse since his acquittal of child abuse charges at a 2005 trial.

His last album of new material was Invincible, released in 2001, and his position as one of pop music's biggest acts has been increasingly overshadowed by bizarre behaviour, a changing appearance and questions about his health.

But fans in London were not concerned.

"Of course it's worth it," said Shuhena Begum, who travelled from the city of Birmingham to see Jackson. "My whole family is mad about Michael — he's the greatest," the 21-year-old added.

She said much of the negative press about Jackson in recent years was unjustified.

"People are out there trying to look like Barbie dolls and yet no one says anything about them, but whenever it's Michael it's different." REUTERS

Mix of Six

The Real Thing
When: Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 2 and 8 p.m.
Where: Granville Island Stage
Love, marriage, fidelity — what's the real thing? Life imitates art in this sparkling and sexy play-within-a-play that asks us whether the "real thing" exists or is merely an illusion. Info: artsclub.com.

Annie! The Musical
When: All weekend,
Where: Vancouver Centre for the Performing Arts
The sun will come out tomorrow! Come and watch the musical adaptation of the classic story of little orphan Annie. Tix: $40-$60.

Women in Film Festival 2009
When: All weekend
Where: VanCity Theatre and Chan Centre for Family Health Education at B.C. Women's Hospital
WIFTV presents more than 40 films by women. Info: womeninfilm.ca or call (604) 685-1152.

Pulse to the Podium
When: Saturday, 12 – 5 p.m.
Where: Renfrew Community Centre
The Vancouver Park Board is organizing a family-based event to help build Olympic spirit. Each event will follow a similar format with the end goal of presenting Olympic and Paralympic values.

When the Snow Flies
When: Saturday 5 – 8 p.m.
Where: Hilton Resort and Spa, Whistler Village
This art gallery features new and emerging artists of today including Angela Morgan.Info: 604-938-0887.

Samoan Tattooing and Global Culture
When: Sunday, 2 p.m.
Where: UBC Museum of Anthropology
The exhibit features more than 40 photos by New Zealand artist Mark Adams. The focus of this exhibit is the contemporary significance of Samoan tattooing.

Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

1 No Line On The Horizon: U2
ALBUM In the pop culture sphere this week, there's nothing bigger than the 12th full-length effort from the world's biggest band. Critics may be divided over the relevance of the Irish lads but their weeklong residency on David Letterman is reasons enough to pay attention.

2 Rihanna/Chris Brown
GOSSIP The rumour mills are working overtime to get the juice on the alleged violence between the R&B couple and the reconciliatory aftermath. According to the grapevine, wedding talk is in the air. Next up: Baby news?

3 The Bachelor twist
TV Eligible guy Jason Mesnick proposes to show winner Melissa Rycroft, dumps her a few weeks later and goes for runner-up Molly Malaney. Producers of the reality series tape the "shocker."

4 Killzone 2
GAME This PS3-only showpiece is right on target with its to-die-for visuals, using the console's raw power to the max. Minutely detailed textures, near-perfect explosion effects and impeccable cinematography combine for one of the most realistic sci-fi battlefields ever presented in a game.

5 Late Night with Jimmy Fallon
SHOW Conan O'Brien's comic mantle fell on Saturday Night Live veteran Jimmy Fallon, and the Fever Pitch star seems to have rocked the coveted slot. In fact, Fallon beat CBS' Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson by a 35 per cent margin in their first head-to-head clash Monday.

6 Watchmen
FILM The superhero movie genre takes another leap forward with this dark, existential tale of reluctant vigilantes. True to the spirit of the original graphic novel, the Zack Snyder-helmed film does away with caped crusader niceties.

7 M.A. on The Beatles
EDUCATION If the Fab Four is your calling, then this new degree program from the Liverpool Hope University might just be the way to go. It may not be the best career move, but hey, that term paper on I Am The Walrus sure sounds like fun.

Sale stopped
Michael Jackson sued a Los Angeles auction house on Wednesday where items from his Neverland estate were to have gone on the block, The Associated Press reports. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Pitt determined to make it right

CHARITY Brad Pitt stepped away from movies yesterday and put his political hat on to meet Nancy Pelosi, America's Speaker of the House, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The movie star is in Washington, D.C. with his partner Angelina Jolie, who is shooting new thriller Salt in the U.S. capital, and Pitt is using his time there to make a political statement.

A spokesman for Pelosi's office states, "They will be discussing (Pitt's) Make it Right, a project launched in 2007 to construct affordable and environmentally sustainable housing for low-income residents of the Lower 9th Ward in New Orleans who lost their homes as a result of Hurricane Katrina."

Pitt has been a big part of the rebuilding process in New Orleans, with his project providing funding for a number of re-housing schemes in the area. He created the Make It Right Foundation New Orleans back in 2006 to finance the re-building of 150 new houses. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Wise words from mom: Stay single

PEOPLE Paris Hilton has been told to stay single by her mother, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The blond beauty has been given some words of wisdom by Kathy Hilton, who believes her daughter feels under pressure to constantly have a boyfriend.

She said: "My dating advice for Paris would be just to take your time. It is OK to be alone. You don't have to always be with someone."

The 28-year-old hotel heiress recently took her latest love interest — Doug Reinhardt from The Hills — home to meet her parents just weeks after splitting from Good Charlotte rocker Benji Madden.

Despite warning her daughter to slow down, Kathy admits Reinhardt was "very nice." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Time apart keeps passion alive, Eva says

MARRIAGE Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria believes that distance does indeed make the heart grow fonder. She credits the success of her marriage to San Antonio Spurs star Tony Parker to the fact that they spend so much time apart: Her show shoots in L.A., and his team is based in Texas. When they do see each other, "it is a honeymoon, because we only have three days together and we hardly fight because we know we don't have much time," Longoria says, according to Hollyscoop. "All the little things that couples argue about — we let them slide." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Vince engaged

SHOW Vince Vaughn, who's been off the radar since splitting with Jennifer Aniston back in 2006, has reportedly popped the question to girlfriend Kyla Weber, whom he's been quietly dating since last summer.

The Wedding Crashers star asked the Canadian real estate agent to marry him over Valentine's Day, according to Star magazine.

"They spent a romantic weekend together. He dropped to one knee to propose and presented her with a gorgeous $125,000 four-carat diamond set in platinum," a source tells the magazine.

"They'll have their wedding either in L.A. or Alberta, and they're both ready to start a family immediately." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Katie's cover shot makes Lohan livid

CAT FIGHT Lindsay Lohan is feuding with Katie Holmes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

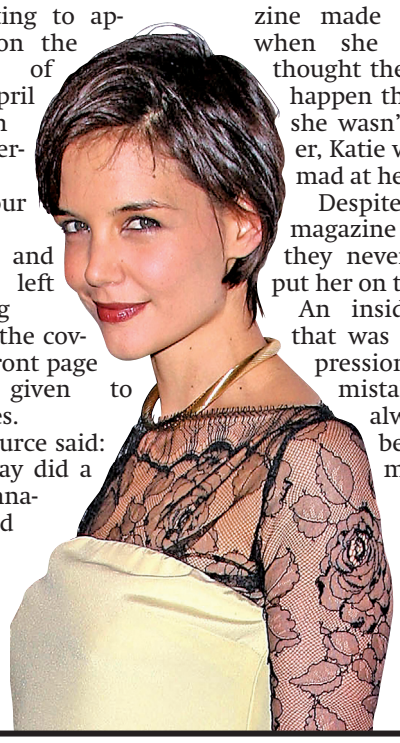
The Mean Girls star was expecting to appear on the cover of the April edition of America's Glamour magazine and was left fuming when the coveted front page was given to Holmes.

A source said: "Lindsay did a Madonna-themed photo shoot and was totally under the impression it would be the cover.

"Her Marilyn Monroe shoot for New York Magazine made her relevant when she did it, she thought the same would happen this time. Only she wasn't on the cover, Katie was, and she's mad at her now."

Despite her gripe, magazine sources insist they never planned to put her on the cover.

An insider said: "If that was Lindsay's impression, it was a mistake. She was always going to be inside the magazine." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Radiohead gives Miley cold shoulder

PEOPLE It looks like not everyone is a Miley Cyrus fan. The 16-year-old Disney star admitted recently to the Vancouver Sun that she was snubbed at the Grammys by Thom Yorke and his band, Radiohead. Not only would the band refuse to come meet her, they wouldn't even let her visit their dressing room.

"But they were like, 'We don't really do that,'" she said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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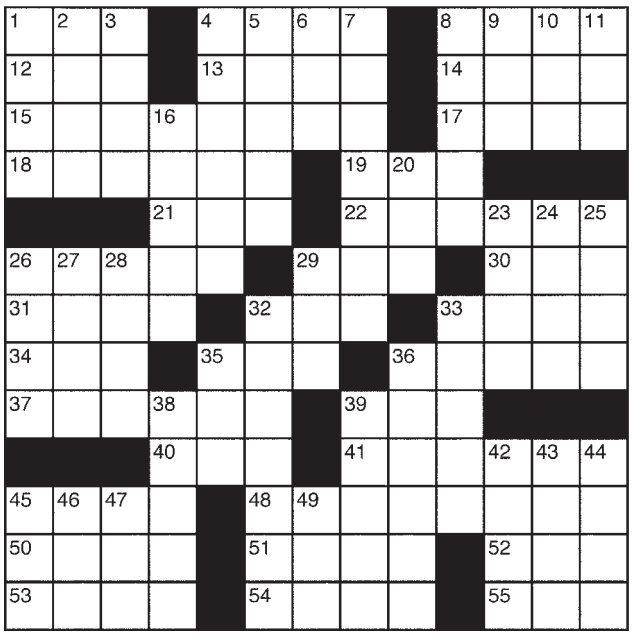

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		9					3	8
	5	4		9	8			
1			5					
9		1	6		2			
	3						1	
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			4	3		2	7	
4	7					6		

Crossword across

1 "Keep it down!"
4 Touch
8 Consider
12 Sailor's assent
13 Clean
14 Gumbo ingredient
15 Track star, maybe
17 Round figure?
18 Recluse
19 Banjo's kin
21 Whichever
22 Discontent time?
26 Yuletide punchbowl fill
29 Phone transmission
30 Galena, e.g.
31 Peregrinate
32 Snoop
33 Cheshire countenance
34 Lemieux milieu
35 Fella
36 Gleam
37 "The Caretaker" playwright
39 Inseparable
40 Parisian pal
41 Family subdivisions
45 Genie's home
48 Break into factions
50 Theatre award
51 Links props
52 Rotating part
53 Sport
54 Lip
55 Storefront-sign abbr.

Crossword down

1 Cummerbund
2 Advertise big-time
3 Frau's mate
4 Canopy
5 Nuts
6 Work with
7 High-speed road
8 Doughnut-shop order
9 — out a living
10 Screw up
11 VIP in China's history
16 Mirror's offering
20 Breakfast-cereal name
23 Spelling or Amos
24 Green land
25 "Monopoly" payment
26 Suitcase
27 Places
28 It takes the cake
29 Sauté
32 Sticklers
33 First American orbiter
35 Jewel
36 Type of layered rock
38 Diminish gradually
39 Lecher's looks
42 Leave a good impression?
43 Posterior
44 Weaponry
45 Despondent
46 Copper head?
47 "Mamma — !"
49 Shooter ammo

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

5	2	7	6	3	8	9	1	4
3	9	1	2	4	5	7	8	6
4	8	6	9	7	1	3	2	5
7	1	2	4	9	3	5	6	8
9	5	8	7	1	6	2	4	3
6	3	4	5	8	2	1	9	7
2	4	5	3	6	9	8	7	1
8	7	3	1	2	4	6	5	9
1	6	9	8	5	7	4	3	2

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13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Chicken and Potato Curry

INGREDIENTS:

1 chicken, about 3 lbs (1.35 kg), cut into 8 pieces
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground turmeric
1-1/2-in. (4-cm) piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
juice of 1/2 lemon
pinch of salt
2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil
1 dried red chili pepper, halved
1 tsp (5 ml) brown or black mustard seeds
1/2 tsp (2 ml) fennel seeds
1/2 tsp (2 ml) cumin seeds
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cinnamon
1 tbsp (15 ml) gram (i.e. pulse) flour
3 garlic cloves, roughly crushed
1/2 green pepper, thinly sliced
1 large onion, sliced
14-oz (398-ml) can chopped tomatoes
2 potatoes, peeled
2 cups (500 ml) thinly sliced cabbage
1 cup (250 ml) frozen peas, thawed and drained

METHOD:

1. Remove skin from chicken. Cut 3–4 slashes in chicken, right to bones. Mix turmeric, ginger, lemon juice and a little salt, then rub all over chicken pieces. Leave to marinate 30 minutes in a cool place.
2. Heat oil in large, heavy-based frying pan. Add dried chili pepper and mustard, fennel and cumin seeds, and let splutter and pop for a few minutes. Stir in cinnamon and gram flour. Watch carefully so spices do not burn.
3. Add garlic, pepper and onion to spice mixture and cook a few minutes, stirring. Add chicken and tomatoes and stir. Cover and cook 15 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, cook potatoes in a pot of boiling water for 5 minutes. Drain and cut into bite-sized pieces. Blanch cabbage in separate pot of boiling water 1 minute, then drain.
5. Add potatoes and cabbage to curried chicken and stir. Cover pan and continue to simmer over moderately low heat 20–25 minutes, or until chicken is completely cooked and tender. Add peas and warm through.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A man is conspicuous by being anxious. You'll get no satisfaction from lying. Don't play meaningless games.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A peer makes your effort succeed. A madman is coming to visit. Progress is made by giving unconditional love.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A woman improves your working conditions. Talk about the past to save the day. Give someone an adoring smile.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A tough guy solves a ridiculous mystery. Deal with ethical problems. A dream delivers a bolt from the blue.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Silly claims are made by a trend-setter. Have faith in a family member. Refuse to annoy your neighbours.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A great romance will be inspiring. You'll find a solution for an impolite person. An old friend tries to pull a fast one.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
An oddball makes cautious statements. A conservative man's challenge must be faced. An annoying person's advice won't make sense.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A bureaucrat will change his tune. A mediator makes a save. Don't advise a friend to tell a secret.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Persist even when you're faced with serious doubts. Risky witticisms trample someone's privacy. You'll be challenged by a mediocre person.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone neglects important details. Give support or fall into despair. A man has done a good job of covering his tracks.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Making unnecessary noise will harm your progress. A sorrowful friend is superficial. A buddy needs to see kindness in someone.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Physical fitness makes a conquest sweeter. You'll solve a problem after a hectic day. Social activities are a setting for embarrassment.

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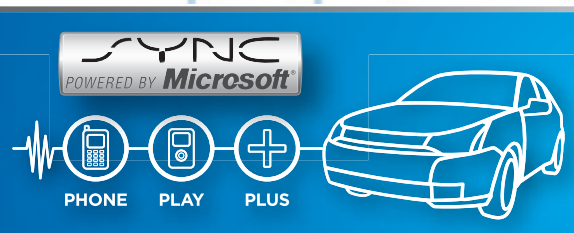

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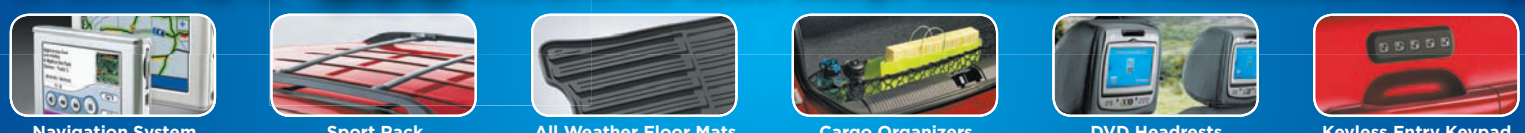

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